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ITALIANS ON NORTHERN FRONT MAY HAVE TO SURRENDER

COMMUNICATIONS DISORGANISED

RETREAT PRACTICALLY OUT OF QUESTION

SOUTHERN ADVANCE TO BE ACCELERATED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The recent heavy rainfall has rendered retreat almost impossible for the Italian forces on the northern front as well as preventing any movement of troops on a large scale, according to the Abyssinian view of the military situation, which, in the light of the latest reports from both fronts, is described as becoming more difficult for Italy every day.

The Italians have retired into well-prepared concrete defence works and blockhouses bristling with machine-guns, and the Abyssinians will make no more attacks on these positions in large formations in order to avoid unnecessary losses.

In military circles here the opinion is held that sooner or later the troops manning these fortifications will be obliged to surrender, since the bringing up of reinforcements and supplies as well as the possibility of retreat are practically out of the question. The Italian roads in this region are said to be now nothing more than a morass, in the mire of which all vehicles stick fast.

The latest information from the southern front indicates that the Italians are still feverishly preparing for the expected advance through the province of Bale, now that they have evacuated Ogaden.

In this connection it is pointed out in military circles here that the distance, as the crow flies, from the Italian base at Dolo to the Abyssinian capital is nearly 400 miles, the first 100 miles being through desert or fever-infested regions. After that comes a high range of mountains, in which about 160,000 troops are in readiness in well-entrenched positions.

ONLY FLIERS ACTIVE
Foreign military experts, it is maintained, also doubt whether the Italian army will succeed in overcoming all these physical as well as military obstacles, especially since they are already (Continued on Page 9)

ITALIANS BOMB SAKOTA

DAILY ATTACKS REPORTED

GAS BOMBS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The town of Sakota, about 60 miles south-west of Makale, is now being bombed daily by Italian planes, according to reports from the northern front, and is said already to have been totally destroyed by incendiary bombs. In addition, three large gas-bombs, it is stated, have been dropped, causing havoc among the civil population, 10 persons having been blinded and many others suffering from serious burns.

The Church of the Holy Virgin was struck by bombs just after many people, terrified by the bombardment, gathered there to pray. Ten of them, states the reports, were blown to pieces, while eight others were severely wounded. (Trans-Ocean Service)

COURTESY CALLS RETURNED

Nanking, To-day. General Chang Chun-to-day returned Sir Alexander Cadogan's courtesy visit. He is visiting Dr. Trautmann, the German Ambassador, to-morrow afternoon. (Reuter Service)

"NO AGGRESSION BY ITALY"

Superfluous Reports Of Attack On Fleet

FULL LIBERTY OF ACTION AT GENEVA

Rome, To-day.

The report that Signor Cerruti, Italian Ambassador to France, has assured M. Laval that Italy will not leave Geneva if the sanctions are extended, is denied in official quarters. It is explained that Italy retains full liberty of action and has not announced any decision in advance.

The reports that Signor Cerruti also told M. Laval that Italy will not attack the British fleet are described as superfluous. It is added that Italy does not anyway contemplate an act of aggression.

SWEDISH PROTEST

Stockholm: The Foreign Office has announced that the Swedish Minister in Rome has presented a note to the Italian Government categorically protesting against the direct act of aggression to which the Swedish Red Cross unit was subjected by Italian aeroplanes. The note rejects the Italian explanation of the bombing and expects that an investigation regarding the responsibility will be immediately opened, and the act of aggression (Continued on Page 9)

LANDSLIDE IN SPAIN

Tragic Sequel To Recent Rains

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.

A tragic sequel to the terrific storms which swept the north-west coast of Spain last week has occurred near La Coruna, where six persons were buried by a landslide caused by the cliffs being undermined by heavy seas. Only one of the victims was rescued alive, although the others were found. The other five were dead when found. (Trans-Ocean Service)

HAUPTMANN'S LAST BID FAILS

"HABEAS CORPUS" PLEA DENIED

"THAT'S THE END," DECLARES DEFENCE LAWYER

Trenton, N.J., To-day.

In a last desperate attempt to save Hauptmann from the electric chair his lawyers have drafted a petition for a writ of "habeas corpus," to be submitted to the Federal District Court. The petition alleges that Hauptmann's constitutional rights were violated at the trial.

Mr. Wilentz, the Attorney-General of New Jersey, declares that he is reliably informed that the Governor will reprieve Hauptmann.

Later, Hauptmann's application for a writ of habeas corpus has been refused and the stay of execution denied by Judge Warren Davis of the Federal Circuit Court.

The petition included submissions that Hauptmann was denied his constitutional rights; that the jury was inadequately sequestered and subjected to hostile opinion; that while Hauptmann was giving evidence motion-picture cameras were operated and the public vented derisive outbursts; and that these influences and the presence in the courtroom of prominent people from all over the country distracted the jury and told against Hauptmann.

Lawyer Burkinshaw, who read the petition in a crowded courtroom, attacked the speech to the jury of Mr. Wilentz as containing intemperate assertions and insinuations. Mr. Wilentz, in his reply, described the petition as a "subterfuge and fraud."

"THAT'S THE END"
The judge said that if he granted the application he would be practically overruling the New Jersey Court of Errors and the United States Supreme Court. He added: "Every known remedy in the law has been used to save the prisoner from electrocution."

After the decision one of the defence lawyers remarked: "That's the end." — Reuter.

DEVELOPMENTS IN PACIFIC

Aftermath Of Japan's Withdrawal

HONG KONG'S DEFENCES TO BE STRENGTHENED?

London, To-day.

The Japanese withdrawal from the Naval Conference may be followed by developments in the Pacific, according to the naval correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who writes that should America decide to carry out her plan of creating new naval bases Britain might be compelled to reconsider her position there. He cites as an example the Hong Kong defences, which have not been touched for 16 years and are now out of date.

The correspondent further asserts that Japan's action will not start a building race, for Britain and the United States have already come to an understanding concerning their relative strengths, which rules out the possibility of competitive building between them. Japan's defiant gesture has rendered inevitable the completion of the immense American building programme, which by 1942 will give the United States the world's greatest navy. — Reuter.

SOUTHPORT BEAT DARLINGTON

London, To-day. — Darlington received a rude shock yesterday when they lost at Southport 4 goals to 1 in the Third Division (North) of the Football League. — Reuter.

STUDENT RIOTS STOPPED

Martial Law In Canton

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

With martial law still in force, student agitators in the pay of scheming politicians and radicals have not been able to stage further demonstrations to-day.

Gendarmes threw a cordon around the Shek Pai compound of Sun Yat-sen University yesterday in order to round up the troublesome elements. No one was allowed to enter the university grounds or get out of them, and even the university buses ceased operation yesterday.

It was revealed that some of the student leaders receive monthly financial support from certain politicians who wish to become university presidents or to achieve other political objectives.

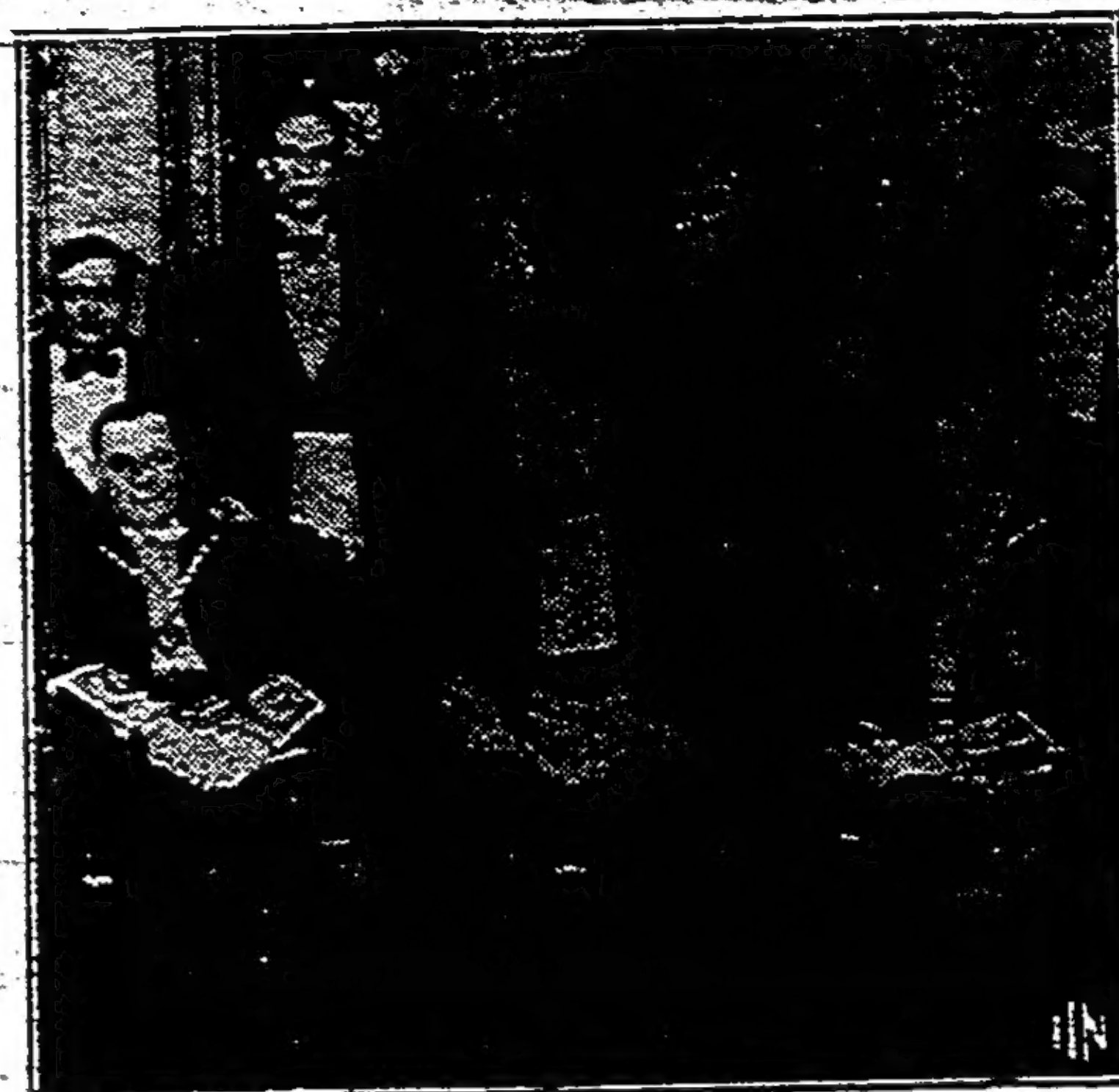
DELEGATIONS IN CAPITAL

Student Bodies Represented

Nanking, To-day.

Another 155 delegates arrived to-day, of whom 52 are college presidents, 33 presidents of secondary schools and 70 students. In view of the large number of delegates it is understood that the Generalissimo is receiving them in batches. The first interview will be given to-morrow afternoon. The delegates are visiting the Sun Yat-sen mausoleum to-morrow morning.

Three students claiming to be representatives of the Peiping and Tientsin Students' Union arrived to-day. They are not attending the students' conference but are proceeding to Shanghai shortly to attempt to organise a national students' union. — Reuter.



This picture, just released for publication by courtesy of the Masonic Outlook, was made on the occasion of the initiation of two of President Roosevelt's sons as members of Archibald Lodge, F. & A. M., in New York. In the front are Jacob C. Kluck (left), President, Roosevelt and Robert E. Owens, Grand Master. Standing (l. to r.) Meyer LaGuardia, Morris E. Brown, Jr., James Roosevelt, Franklin D. Jr., Judge Peter Schmuck and Judge Frederic Kernochan.

BRITISH PREPARATIONS IN EGYPT

EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARRANGED FOR

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

Foreign press reports speaking of the apprehension of the political situation in Egypt are causing some astonishment here in view of the general uneasiness engendered by Britain's conditional military preparations. The British High Commissioner is stated to have declared recently in a private conversation that England does not, of course, desire war, but that in view of the incalculability of Italian policy, she would be prepared for the worst.

Numerous signs point indeed to the serious view of the situation taken in British circles. All women members of the British colony have been requested, for instance, voluntarily to attend first aid courses, and preparations moreover are being made in Britain. (Continued on Page 12)

WORKERS AND WAGES

Shipbuilders Demand Increases

OWNERS ASK FOR TIME

London, To-day.

More of the large consumers of coal have agreed to an increase in the price of coal, but only on condition that all increases be given to the miners as wages. The situation between the miners and owners, however, is unchanged.

The shipbuilding workers are now demanding an increase of wages of 2d. an hour. The shipbuilders state that although the position at present is more favourable they are unable to say that this will be permanent, and have asked the workers to wait till Lloyd's returns for the year, which will be published on March 1, before discussing the question of an increase in wages. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

AUSTRALIA TO COMPETE IN AMERICAN ZONE

Sydney, To-day. — The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has decided to future to challenge for the Davis Cup in the American Zone, instead of the European Zone, and eight of the Dominion's best players, including A. H. Crawford, V. MacGrath, A. K. Quist, and D. P. Turnbull, have been requested to hold themselves in readiness. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RUDYARD KIPLING STILL VERY ILL

Grave Anxiety Felt

London, To-day.

The improvement in Mr. Rudyard Kipling's condition was being maintained at 5.20 p.m. yesterday. An enquiry into the patient's condition was made on behalf of Their Majesties early in the morning.

The latest bulletin, issued at 8 p.m., states that his condition still gives rise to grave anxiety. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHINESE ARMY TO BE MECHANISED

Infantry Battalions Reduced

"APPROACHING WORLD WAR"

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

A reduction of the infantry battalions will begin to-day as a means to obtain more funds to mechanise the army. Each infantry battalion will be reduced by one company.

While the number of companies to be demobilised is not announced, it is estimated that about fifty of them will be affected. The military authorities take the view that in modern warfare infantry units may be reduced, while artillery, machine-gun and anti-aircraft detachments should be increased.

The amount saved from the disbandment will be used to buy more guns, tanks, armoured cars, etc. Nevertheless, more funds are necessary to order these armaments from abroad.

Official announcements were made from time to time that better military preparations are necessary "owing to the approach of another world war in which China may be involved."

SOVIET RUSSIAN BUDGET

Military Expenditure Doubled

NO DEVALUATION PENDING

Moscow, To-day.

The Government's proposal almost to double military expenditure for 1936, compared with 1935, was introduced by M. Grigorovich, Finance Commissar, introducing the budget proposals at the session of the Central Executive Committee.

Out of a total budget of 37,500,000,000 roubles, 14,800,000,000 will be devoted to military expenditure. Augmented appropriations will be applied to increase the number of effectives, improve technical equipment, modernise the barracks, and the political education of the Red army.

M. Grigorovich explained that the Government's financial policy was directed towards strengthening and stabilising the rouble. He denied the rumours circulated abroad regarding proposed devaluation or the issue of new currency. — Reuter.

UNREST IN RUSSIA

Another Political Murder

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

One more symptom of the seething unrest behind the calm surface in Soviet Russia is afforded by the reports of another political murder, which, according to Izvestia, took place at Minsk where the chairman of the collective organisation, M. Kriwen, has been shot dead.

Five former Kulkas have been arrested on charges of being implicated in the murder. — Trans-Ocean Service.

HARTLEPOOLS BEATEN

Grimsby Qualify To Meet Port Vale

London, To-day.

After failing to score at Hartlepool last Saturday, Grimsby Town won their Third Round Cup replay yesterday on their own ground by 4 goals to 1.

To enter the Third Round Hartlepool played three games against Halifax.

Grimsby will visit Port Vale on January 25 for right of entry into the Fifth Round. — Reuter.

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(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

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Kumgang (Air Mail ex Imperial Service) Jan. 15
Hakone Maru (via Negapan) 17
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FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada 17
Pres. Monroe 17
Katori Maru 17
Chichibu Maru 18

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Kumgang Jan. 15
Hakone Maru 17
Victoria 19
Hakodate Maru 20
Shiraha 21
Lisbon Maru 22
Cathay 23

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada 17
Pres. Monroe 17

FROM JAPAN

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada 17
Pres. Monroe 17
Katori Maru 17
Durban Maru 18
Chichibu Maru 18

FROM MANILA

Stuttgart Jan. 15
Kitano Maru 16
Pres. Jefferson 17
Tjisadane 18

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Jan. 16

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Stuttgart Jan. 15
Sarpodon (via Marseilles) 18
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Hakone Maru (via Siberia) 17
Behar (via Marseilles) 17
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Katori Maru (Imperial Service) 17
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.
Pres. Jefferson (via Siberia) 17
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Victoria (via Siberia) 18

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Sarpodon Jan. 15
Behar 17
Katori Maru 17
Hosang 21

FOR MANILA

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada 17
Pres. Monroe 17
Tjisadane 21

FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Taiyo Maru 21

Womens Page

HAND BEAUTY HAS CHANGED

Shape And Length Of The Nails

HAND-CREAMS HELPFUL

Once upon a time beautiful hands were rare. Now they are seen frequently for the very good reason that there are so many simple ways of perfecting the hands, with massage, whiteing lotions, nail polishes, cuticle removers, and so on, that the standard of hand beauty has changed. Not now are the shape and length of the finger-nails the only considerations; the colour of the polish used on the nails is as important and the beauty of the hand as a whole is vital.

As with every other item of beauty, daily care counts for much. The nail brush one uses should have bristles only medium stiff. Avoid, also, the too frequent use of a steel file, and any drastic treatment with an orange stick or the clipping of the cuticle is out of the question.

Softens The Water

Try to keep the water you wash in soft. In this connection a little borax helps matters, so does crystalline carbonate of soda for then the soap lathers easily, and when drying the hands always press down the cuticle with the towel.

Hand creams are helpful. One kind to apply during the day is rubbed into the skin till it becomes smooth and all stickiness has disappeared.

Alternatively, there is a cream soap which is like jelly and is bought in a tube. In this preparation are contained oil and oatmeal, both very beneficial to chapped and roughed hands.

Lotions are best for some hands, and there is a delightfully fragrant lotion to apply after washing. If used every time the hands are washed it will keep them soft and smooth.

FOR SHANGHAI

Stuttgart Jan. 15
Hakone Maru 17
Pres. Jefferson 17
Victoria 19
Taiyo Maru 21

FOR JAPAN

Kitano Maru Jan. 16
Hakone Maru 17
Pres. Jefferson 17
Taiyo Maru 21

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Perfumes Will Change

WITH THE WOMAN USING IT

JUST A SUGGESTION

We are told that modern woman has ten thousand personalities and that a perfume will change with the personality of the woman using it; some perfumes last longer with certain people than with others, and seem to change.

Here is an idea, we have all of us met in trains, at theatres, and at parties, the woman who seems to sweep with a dozen different scents.

It is suggested that the inside of the powder box should be sprayed with the scent that suits the personality of the clashing, then of course it is necessary to choose a powder which is extremely faintly perfumed.

There are of course manufacturers who sell all necessities for the toilet in (sets) and each year these (sets) become more numerous.

Perfume should not about at you, it should be subtle, elusive, just a suggestion.

Perfume Party

Recently a well known store inaugurated a sort of perfume party, there the experts told of numerous scent manufacturers and according to this authority at the store, before you actually settle on a perfume here are a few of the questions you should ask yourself:

Does it suit my personality? Does it suit my dress and does it suit the occasion? Have you ever thought of a perfume actually suiting the clothes you are wearing, or the type of engagement you are attending, possibly not, but you should.

Dry cocktail was suggested as a day-time perfume worn with suitable clothes for a morning's shopping.

And here are some of the new perfumes.

Moon-moss; Fete, Chic, Bitter-sweet and Asuma.



With a skirt flaring at the hemline and a wide belt of self material, the frock worn by Olivia De Havilland, the screen actress, steps out of the ordinary class into something smart, chic and eye-filling. The dress is of royal purple fabric and has full raglan sleeves.



Burgundy-red silk crepe fashions this house dress worn by Genevieve Tobin, the screen actress. The frock is given over to simple, straight lines, with a vestee and lapels of white pique adding interest to the bodice. Red kid pumps are added.

Has Your Child A Healthy Appetite?

The appetite is a very good indication of a child's state of health. When a child lacks appetite he is generally sleepy and inattentive during school hours and at playtime, easily tired, lacking the enthusiasm and enjoyment evident in other children.

How to remedy such a state of affairs is the problem which confronts many parents. To tempt the child with delicacies, or to threaten dire penalties if he does not eat what is put before him, is only to aggravate his condition. The wise plan is to seek the cause of his loss of appetite.

Most probably the trouble lies in congestion of the intestinal tract. Constipation makes a child drowsy, lacking in energy, disinclined for work or play, peevish and irritable and a source of annoyance to all around him.

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Household Hints

There was once upon a time a little girl, who, when asked how to make toast, said; well you burn it and then scrape it!

Here is a better way; cut your bread about half an inch in thickness and dry it in a cool oven or under a slow grill before toasting quickly under a very hot grill.

A good way to clean discoloured marble is first to wash it with soap and water then rub it with a past made of powdered bath brick and lemon juice, rinsing with cold water and drying well.

When your (madeup) dishes turn out a failure, it is probably due to one of the following reasons.

Plain water was used for the gravy instead of well seasoned stock; the gravy was either made too thick or too thin, too pale or too dark; or it was insufficiently seasoned.

The meat was hard and dry because it had been put into boiling gravy or had been allowed to boil

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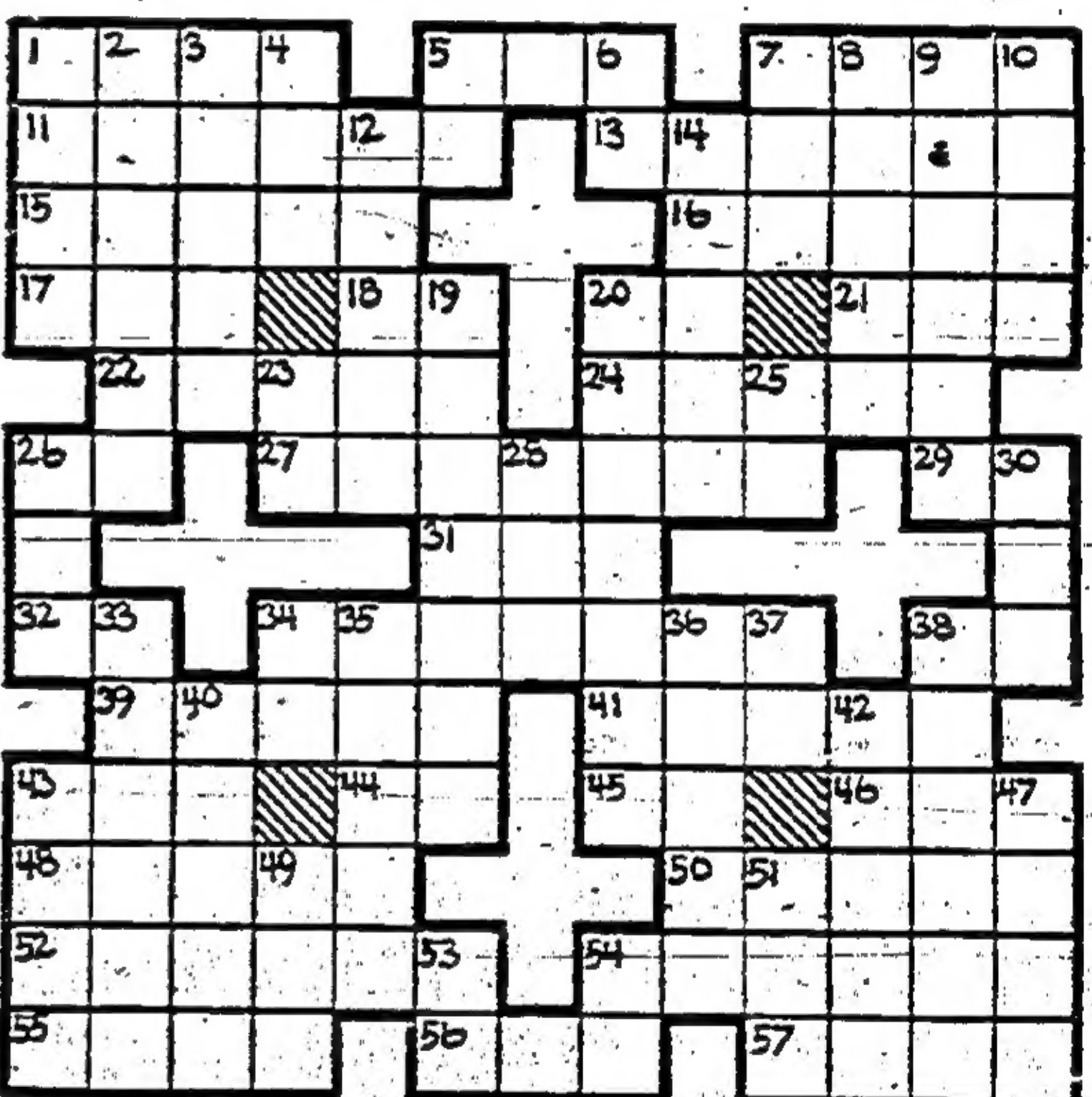
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL
1-Profound
5-Arm of the ocean
7-Mineral springs
11-Kid's name
13-The whole
15-A card (Fr.)
16-A savory jelly
17-Consumed
18-Mother
20-State Militia (abbr.)
21-Superlative suffix
22-Rimmed
24-Same as pence
25-Advertisement (abbr.)
27-Most sorrowful
29-Very
31-Move rapidly
32-Father
34-Moved rapidly
38-A point of compass (abbr.)
39-A heavenly body (pl.)
41-Appearing as if gnawed
42-imitate
43-Edict

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45-A football position (abbr.)
46-Strike gently
48-Formed in a row
50-Musical drama
52-Wrote in a dull manner
54-Breathed noisily when asleep
55-Japanese coin (pl.)
56-Tavern
57-Spreads loosely for drying, as grass

VERTICAL
1-Combining form.
2-Ten
3-Excited
4-Deep hole
5-Exist
6-Prouton
7-City thoroughfare (abbr.)
8-Tubes
9-Ascends
10-Demonstration

VERTICAL (Cont.)
12-Vale in ancient Argolis
14-Titles
15-Account
16-A spendthrift
22-General Secretary (abbr.)
25-Nilon (abbr.)
26-Poisonous serpent
30-Open (Poet.)
33-Earnest desire for
34-A continent (abbr.)
35-Self esteem
36-Work, measured in terms of heat
37-Art
38-Withered
40-Part of a carpenter's joint
42-Cubic unit of metric measure
43-Swiss mountains
47-Tablets
48-A Jettor
49-Kitchen utensil
53-Prefix. Two
54-Stannum (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Bringing Up Father



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ISLAND

	Feet
Victoria Peak	1,823
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,305
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	Feet
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BOY V.C.'S SISTER
POVERTY-STRICKEN
PLIGHT REVEALED BY
PORTRAIT

London. Mrs. James Johnson, sister of John Travers Cornwell, V.C., the "boy hero" of Jutland, has been found here living in poverty.

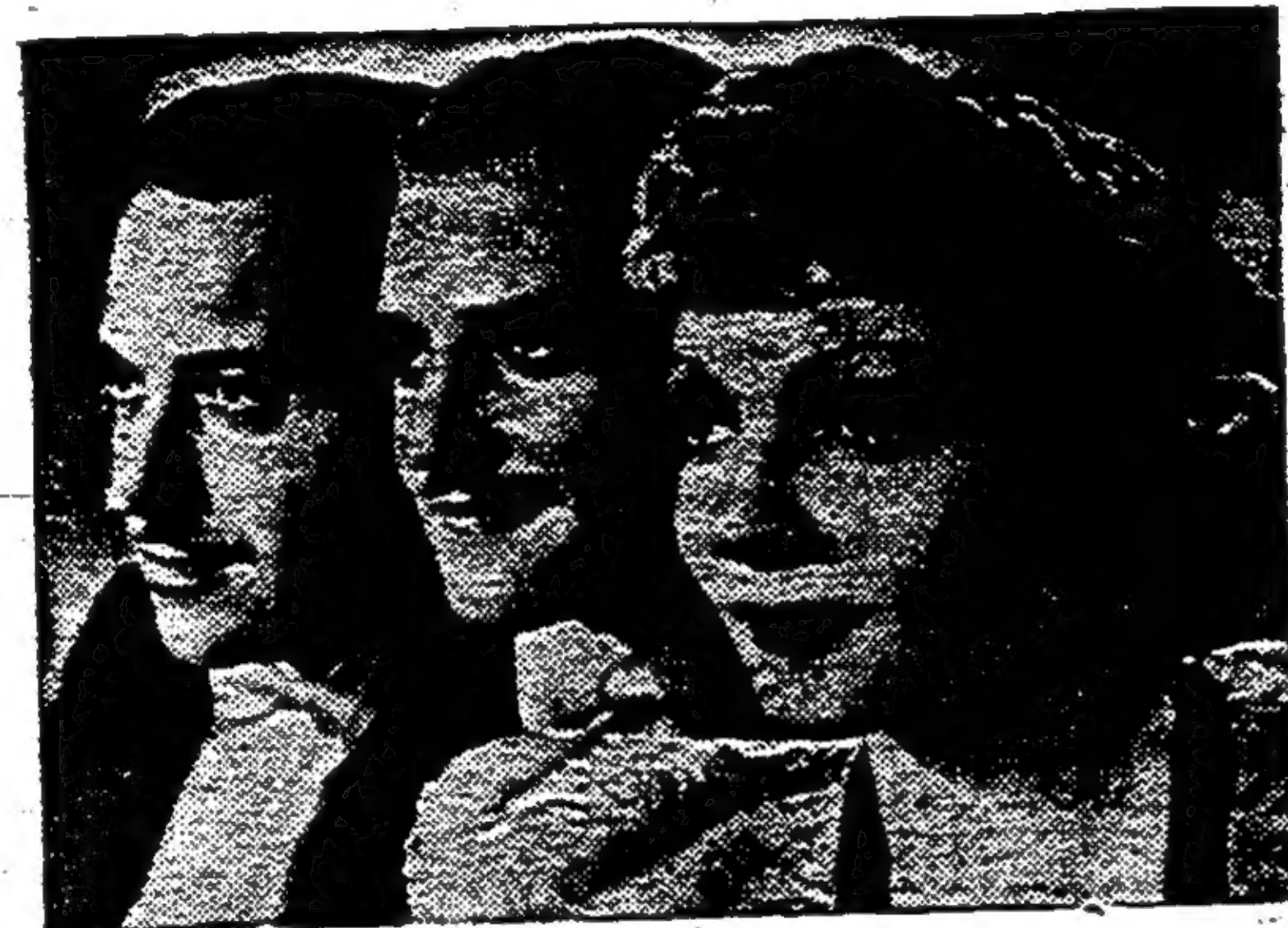
ROBBED A WOMAN
SHOP DETECTIVEThief Falls Into
Trap

Mrs. Maud Waddington, aged 55, of Margaret-street, Hull, was at Hull recently sentenced to two months' hard labour for stealing a purse from the pocket of a woman detective in a departmental store.

The detective said that she saw Waddington putting her hand into women's shopping baskets. To test her, she put her own purse into her pocket, and stood near Waddington, who took the purse.

She was evicted from her home in a riverside suburb of Windsor, and has been compelled to make her home in a cottage which has been unused for years, and which is described as unfit for human habitation. The plight of the family was revealed when Mrs. Johnson called at the office of the Daily Star with an oil painting of "Jacky" Cornwell which she wished to present to the local museum.

£41,000 Fund. "It is a beautiful picture and should be preserved," Mrs. Johnson said, "but it won't last long in such a place like this." Mrs. Johnson recently wrote to a London organisation asking for information of a fund total of £41,000 collected in memory of her brother.



Melvyn Douglas, Michael Bartlett and Claudette Colbert are in "She Married Her Boss," a Columbia picture which will be screened at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

FAMOUS DETECTIVE
RETIRES

Watch On West End

CONNECTED WITH MANY
WELL-KNOWN CASES

Det-Sergt. Charles Mann, who is reputed to know more about the life of the West End than any other detective, retired recently. He spent the whole of his 25 years' service at Vine-street, Piccadilly, station.

Because of his special knowledge the usual system of transfer by athletes, who will carry a flame in relays from Olympia, Greece, to Berlin, where Herr Hitler will use it to ignite a symbolic fire, which will burn throughout the coming Olympic Games.

This Marathon relay run will cross seven European countries, and 3,600 of these torches will have been consumed before it is completed.

DECORATIONS FOR
ROAD HEROESEncouraging Traffic
Discipline

Count Helldorf, the Berlin Police Commissioner, who has carried on a vigorous campaign for traffic discipline, has evolved another bright idea.

This is to give decorations to drivers who for a certain length of time have never been caught transgressing the road regulations.

These paragons will be awarded gold, silver or copper badges for their cars to carry in a conspicuous place.

With Germans, whose love of decorations is well known, this method of encouraging traffic discipline may prove extremely effective.

TORCH NO ONE
CAN PUT OUTTested Under A
Shower-BathTO BE USED IN OLYMPIC
MARATHON

German chemists have invented a torch which can not be put out. It has been held under a shower-bath, buried in a bucket of sand, and finally immersed in a bath-tub, and is, in fact, weatherproof.

It will be used next summer by athletes, who will carry a flame in relays from Olympia, Greece, to Berlin, where Herr Hitler will use it to ignite a symbolic fire, which will burn throughout the coming Olympic Games.

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TWIN JOCKEYS
WINAt Same Time—But
260 Miles Apart

At exactly 4.5 p.m. one day recently, two jockeys who are twins started in two races 260 miles apart and both won.

At the identical moment that Maurice Hunter was winning the 4.0 race at Catterick Bridge on Brown Kate, twin brother Fred Hunter was winning the 4.0 race at Lingfield Park on Beagle.

MOST PHOTOGRAPHED GIRL

Miss Geraldine Jarvis, aged 22 and single, has been photographed 4,500 times in the past five years. She is America's Number 1 Model, and her portrait is painted 25 times a year for advertisements. She advertises cigarettes, but has never smoked one. Now she is in England for a rest, and is considering film work.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"UNKNOWN WOMAN"—KING'S
THEATRE

This picture is an exciting action drama built around a \$1,000,000 bond robbery, and the efforts of Federal agents to solve the crime. Richard Cromwell and Marian Marsh supply the action as well as the romance.

Cromwell enacts the part of a lawyer for a fish-peddler's association, and as part of the plot the peddlers are seen dashing to rescue him from a boat where he is held prisoner. Supporting the two principals are George McKay, Douglas Dumbrille, Nan Bryant and Henry Armetta.

"THE WHITE COCKATOO"—
QUEEN'S THEATRE

It is a curious fact that most of the specially selected Crime Club stories which have been produced on the screen have all been labelled with a series of curious and often misleading names. Those who remember "The Case of the Curious Bride" and the "Case of the Howling Dog" will also remember how pleasantly surprised they were that these unprepossessing titles hid two of the finest mystery stories that have ever been screened.

The latest Crime Club story, "The White Cockatoo," presents an analogous case. Ricardo Cortez, that extremely polished and versatile actor, assumes the role created on the screen by Warren William, while petite Jean Muir assists him in solving the intricate problems.

"3 KIDS AND A QUEEN"—
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The Alhambra is offering a very fine combined picture and vaudeville act to-day. May Robson appears in her grandest role in "3 Kids and a Queen," in which she is supported by a galaxy of juvenile stars including Frankie Darro and Billy Burrud. By her performance Miss Robson proves that she has succeeded in filling the vacancy on the screen caused by the sudden and untimely death of the beloved Marie Dressler.

Cowan and Bailey's grand show, which includes Ted and Evelyn and Estelle Davis, who have proved so popular at the Hong Kong Hotel and the Oriental Theatre, provide an excellent added attraction.

"RED HOT TYRES"—
ORIENTAL THEATRE

This picture, with Lyle Talbot and Mary Astor, is fast in action, with one melodramatic thrill following another to the smashing climax in which the hero wins a spectacular race by a hair's breadth with his mechanic.

In addition to the race track thrills there is a sensational court trial in which the hero is convicted of wrecking a car and killing a rival driver.

"THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS
BRIDE"—STAR THEATRE

"The Case of the Curious Bride" is a baffling mystery melodrama, interspersed with rollicking humour. It is based on a Perry Mason story by Erle Stanley Gardner. The all-star cast includes Warren William as Perry Mason, the astute attorney detective, Margaret Lindsay, Donald Woods, Claire Dodd, Allen Jenkins, Phillip Reed and Barton MacLane.

"CALM YOURSELF"—
MAJESTIC THEATRE

Robert Young, one of the best of America's younger school of actors, who, incidentally, is now making a series of pictures in England, is co-starred with Madge Evans in a delightful comedy-drama "Calm Yourself."

MAD COW ON LINE

Escaping from a Reading abattoir, a mad cow, was chased along the railway line to Tilehurst Station, where it mounted the platform. Finally it jumped a fence into a field, where it was shot.

BRIDGE NOTES

Lead-Directing
Trouble

By Ely Culbertson

Most players are familiar with the bidding conventions in use among expert players. There are a number of conventions in the play of the cards which are equally important. In some cases these are so closely tied up with the bidding that it is difficult to say whether they are conventions of bidding or of play.

Among the most frequently used bidding signals is the double of a three notrump contract. This has a special meaning when your partner has bid a suit and you later double an opponent's bid of three notrump. If it is your partner's turn to make the opening lead, the double tells him he should open the suit he has bid. Here is how this convention works:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
S-8 7 5
H-A 10 9 8 4
D-7 4
C-K 2
A-Q J 10 6
H-7 2
D-A 9 8 5 2
C-Q 6

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

South West North East
1C (1) 1D (2) 1H (3) Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Dbl. (4)
Pass Pass Pass
1-On this type of hand one notrump is a better opening bid in order to show the 4-3-3 distribution and the unusual honour-trick content of the hand.

2-This overall has little to recommend it even when not vulnerable.

3-This is a minimum hand on which a bid can be made over an intervening overbid. Without 1½ honour-tricks it is better to pass.

4-This double is a most unusual bid and seems strange when one looks at East's terrible bust. East had reasons for his double, however, which in this case proved to be well justified. He knew the club suit could not readily be run because he had so many. And since neither opponent had bid spades, he assumed the strength in that suit was probably well divided with a good share of it being in West's hand. Knowing declarer could set up neither clubs nor spades, it was obvious that the heart suit would have to be tackled and in this suit East had a stopper. If West happened to open spades, East's stopper in hearts would give him the lead too late to establish the diamonds, but if West opened diamonds there was a possibility that the suit could be established immediately and produce the winning tricks after East later got in.

Obediently, West opened the five of diamonds and East played the ten. South, who had also recognized the entire situation, sought to shut West out of the lead by playing low and letting East win the first trick. This would have been successful if West had had a six-card diamond suit, but since East had three of them, it failed.

After East won the first trick he returned the Jack of diamonds. South played the King and West refused to win with his Ace. He played the deuce of diamonds, showing his five-card suit, and making it possible for East to retain a diamond which could be led after the suit had been established. There was little more of interest to the play of the hand. In establishing the heart suit, South was forced to lose a trick to the Queen. East then led his three of diamonds and West cashed the third, fourth and fifth tricks. Three notrump was down one.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS BLAZE

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CYCIST KILLED

An unknown man died last month in hospital after falling from his cycle in Park Royal-road, Acton.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

A Talk on the World Bridge Olympic. Three Piano Jazz Recital. 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music. 1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra. 1.30 p.m.—Renter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down. 4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme. 6.45 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-7.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes played by Famous Orchestras. Invitation to the Waltz (Weber, Op. 65).

Roses of the South (J. Strauss) Rite Danube Waltz (J. Strauss) A Thousand and one Nights (J. Strauss).

7.30-7.45 p.m.—A Recital by Charles Kallman (Tennor). 1. The World is mine to-night (Pofford).

2. By the Dark Lagoon (An Island Serenade) (Leigh). 3. Still as the Night (Bohn). 4. I Love thee (Grieg).

7.45-8 p.m.—Song Memories. Drinks all Round. Harry Lander—Vocal Gems.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. 8.05-8.30 p.m.—Ensemble Singing. Waiting at the Gate for Easy ("Bottoms Up").

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Sporting Page



GENERAL SATISFACTION EXPRESSED REGARDING H.K. SOCCER XI

Sports Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

London, December 2

EVEN with wagers fairly made, the McAvoy-McCoy fight happens to remind us that British fighting stock, when properly nurtured and taught, is the equal of any produced in foreign rings. It happened all right at Madison Square Garden, New York, when Mr. Joseph Bamford, ex-mill hand of Rochdale, alias Jock McAvoy, handed a beating to Al McCoy, rated No. 1 contender for the world light-heavyweight championship.

McAvoy won on points over ten rounds by such a wide margin that he exploded all the experts in New York and confounded the Dismal Jinnies at home.

To get this victory in the correct perspective it should be noted that in the world rankings for November, the name McAvoy meant so little to Americans that they did not grade him in the first ten cruiser-weights.

So they made McCoy favourite and hoped that the Britisher would be able to "take it."

WARMLY PRAISED

In the fourth round the favourite was visiting the canvas from a thump on the chin, and did not look so good. By the end of 10 rounds he looked worse.

McAvoy got the decision and a warm ovation from the crowd. Americans can be scathing about fighters who cannot or will not fight, but when they get what they want they can be most generous.

Thus to-day McAvoy finds praise being showered on him from all sides. "The best British fighter I've seen here," said Jack Dempsey. "The best since Berg," said Jimmy Johnston, the Garden chief—and so on.

All of which means that McAvoy, who has already done himself well out of boxing, his hotel, and his riding school, is about to start collecting American dollars.

BIG OPPORTUNITY

FOR some years the best light-heavyweight in the States was Maxie Rosenbloom (otherwise "Slapsie," because of his open-glove hitting). Then there was Bob Olin, and, lastly, John Henry Lewis, a coloured man.

The arrival of McAvoy will stimulate a dull division, and the next we can expect to hear is that the Lancashire fighter has been paired with Lewis for the world crown.

This match should net McAvoy about \$5,000, but, more important, it might bring the championship to Britain—and can we do with it?

McAvoy has a splendid opportunity of making boxing history. He has the incentive, he has the moral assurance of a smart victory over America's best contender, and if he needs any further encouragement he can find it in the result of a recent fight in San Francisco.

In this Lewis, though not defending his title, was well beaten by Rosenbloom, who, for a pugilist, must be getting quite elderly.

UNITED STATES TRIALS FOR DAVIS CUP

At least six players are expected to be given trials for the 1936 American Davis Cup team, including Wilmer L. Allison Jr., the national champion; Johnny Van Ryn, Allison's doubles partner; J. Donald Budge, Frank Shields and "Bitty" Grant. The last named did so well last year that he turned down a professional offer for spectators.

EAST LANCES JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM BEAT "Y"

Dickinson Best Forward On View

MILITARY SIDE MUCH TOO GOOD

In a scrappy hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the East Lancs' second team defeated the Y.M.C.A. by the odd goal in three. The score, however, is no criterion of the respective merits of the teams, for the soldiers were obviously the better side. They might have won by a large margin had their forwards been able to take advantage of the openings.

Most of the play during the first half was in the "Y's" area. A. B. Henry, the "Y's" right-back, putting in some very good work with quick and accurate clearances. The other back, E. Fowler, was obviously playing out of position, and gave a much better account of himself when he changed places with E. F. Selk, the inside-left, at the interval. H. Smith and C. Brock were the best in the "Y's" front line, while R. A. Bates and J. Millington were both reliable in the intermediate line.

Dickinson Excels

Dickinson, the East Lancs' inside-right, was easily the best forward on view, and gave McCarthy, the centre-forward, every support. McCarthy opened the scoring for the soldiers' midway through the first half, and added the other after the interval. W. J. Brown scored for the "Y's."

SMITH BEATS SKINNER

Colony Billiards Championship

At the Club de Recreio last night, S. G. Smith beat L. D. Skinner by 300 points to 292 in the Junior Billiards Championship.

M. J. Medina received a walk-over from Ma Chun-man at the Club Lusitano.

The matches between "H. W. Staples and E. D. da Roza (at the C.S.C.C. at 8.30 p.m.) and P. A. Vranovitch and Lam Cho Cha (at the Cheero Club at 8.30 p.m.), both of which were scheduled for to-night, have been postponed until next week.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Lusitano: Mui Chan-jed v F. A. Broadbridge (7)

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Y.M.C.A. on the Club Ground, King's Park, at 5 p.m. to-day.

H. F. Shields; J. Rodger and J. F. Potter (Capt.); G. Sommer, J. G. Cotsworth and J. L. Tetley; W. A. Reed, R. A. Bates, S. A. Fowler, D. Carey and K. C. Woodhouse.

POLICE LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The following will represent the European Police team in a Third Division Football League match against the R.A.M.C. to-day on the Kowloon F.C. ground at 3 p.m.:—Manning; Salter and Greig; Cameron, Britain, and Campbell; Rose, Downman, Willerton, Green and Shishkin. Reserves:—Tetrett, Hutchinson, Willis and Jessop.

1936 HARDCOURT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The seating accommodation for the 1936 hard court tennis championships at the West Hants Lawn Tennis Club, Melville Park, Bournemouth will be increased did so well last year that he turned down a professional offer for spectators.

Leonard Or Lee As Best Leader?

CHANGE IN POSITIONS POSSIBLE

BICKFORD AND TALBOT DANGEROUS WING

IS SID STRANGE GOING UP AS A PLAYER?

THE selection of the Interport soccer team to meet Shanghai on Friday week in the Northern city has met with general satisfaction and approval in local football circles, and the consensus of opinion is that the team chosen is a good and well balanced one.

The last-minute announcement by Lee Wai-tong that he would be able to make the trip was a source of much pleasure, and his inclusion in the team has greatly enhanced our chances of beating Shanghai.

Experience has shown that during most of the matches in Shanghai it was the local forward line that failed, but there is every reason to hope that the line chosen will do what is expected of them.

One little point to be considered is whether Leonard would not be better suited to the centre-forward position with Lee Wai-tong at inside-right. Lee can play equally well in both positions, but he can draw the defence and open up the play considerably better than Leonard, who generally relies on his weight to carry him through the opposing defence.

PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S DEFENDERS

Fitting Conclusion To Rodger's Career

BELTRAO, FINE ALL-ROUNDER

The following are pen sketches of the Colony's defenders:

GEORGE RODGER, known to his more intimate friends as "Smiler," is one of the "younger veterans" in First Division football in the Colony to-day. Born in Hong Kong in 1890, Rodger first played football in Aberdeen, Scotland, as an inside-left. He then returned to the Colony in 1916 and played for the Kowloon Football Club. The next season found Rodger in the ranks of the Hong Kong Football Club, though he did not have much football owing to a cartilage injury. It was in the same season that he played for the Defence Corps team which won the United Services League, a competition which was inaugurated during the War. Later in the same season Rodger was given his place in the Club first eleven when "Archie" Goldenberg, their regular goalkeeper, was forced out of the game owing to an injury to his foot. Except for the periods when he was away on leave, Rodger has played for the Club ever since. He was captain of the team which won the league championship in 1925-26 and has since figured in the matches between the Colony and Shanghai in 1929-30, November, 1932, and February, 1933.

He has been chosen again this season, thus bringing to a fitting close what has been a brilliant soccer career. Rodger has played for Scotland regularly since 1925 in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, and has been captain of the side on numerous occasions.

G. F. SWAIN, the right-back of the East Lancashire Regiment, took little interest in soccer until he joined the Army in 1931, but he improved rapidly and now he is regarded as one of the finest footballers in the battalion. Before joining the Army he occasionally played for a small Manchester team. Shortly after he enlisted, however, he became highly

interested in the game and his first big match was when he played for the Garrison at Preston. In 1932 he played for the battalion at Catterick Camp. In 1933 the battalion came East, and during their short stay in Shanghai Swain turned out for them in most of their league fixtures. He has played continuously for them while they have been stationed in the Colony, as well as in several representative matches. He played right-back for England against Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" Cup, and also represented the Association against the Federation in the Governor's Cup. It was during the latter game that he was badly crooked.

G. HILL (Club), Pte Swain (East Lancs.), C. Pile (Police), Leung Wing-chui (S. China "A"), N. Beltrao (Kowloon), Lee Kwok-wai (S. China "A"), B. Gosano (Kowloon), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A") (Capt.), Lee Talbot (Fusiliers), B. I. Bickford (Club), Reserves:—G. Hill (Club), A. Elisi (Kowloon), Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A"), Manager:—M. L. Ralston, Trainer:—S. H. Strange.

WONG MEI-SHUN first played football in 1923, when he turned out for the South China second eleven. He was tried in several positions, but was best suited to the outside-left berth.

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PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S FORWARDS

Lee Wai Tong's Fine Record

B. GOSANO'S FOURTH INTERPORT

The following are pen sketches of the Colony's forwards: Born in Hong Kong in 1910, B. GOSANO learned his soccer at St. Joseph's College, and was a member of the team that won the School's League in 1923. He turned out for the Recreio in the Second Division in 1926 and made his First Division debut in 1928-29.

He played with considerable success on the right-wing and secured his first Interport cap against Shanghai in the 1930-31 season. He played again for the Colony in the November 1932-33 game and in February, 1933-34. In 1929-30 and 1931-32, he represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Portuguese Lusitano Cup Interport. He toured Java in 1931 with the Athletic team and in 1933 he was a member of St. Joseph's team that toured Manila in the same year during the Carnival Week.

DAVID LEONARD was born in Hong Kong in 1909 and learned his football at St. Joseph's College. He started playing in the League when only 14 years of age, at right-back in the Third Division. He has been playing for the Saints ever since, and has been for several years their main goal-scorer.

In 1931 he was chosen to represent Hong Kong as inside-left in the Interport team, but the trip was cancelled owing to the trouble in Shanghai. He however, travelled to Shanghai in 1934 as a reserve forward. He toured Manila with the St. Joseph's team and is now one of their best all-rounders.

LEE WAI-TONG, the idol of the Chinese soccer public, has been playing football for the last 15 years. His first game was at inside-left with the second eleven, but he showed such good form that the following season (1921) found him in the first team.

He was a member of the South China team which toured Australia in 1922 and which, on their return to the Colony, won the League championship.

In 1924 Lee went to Shanghai and threw in his lot with the Lok Hwa Club, securing two Interport caps and captaining the team that this Club sent to Australia in 1930.

The following season found Lee back in the Colony again, and he has since then appeared fairly regularly for South China. He is the captain of the "A" team this year.

He has taken part in three Far Eastern Olympic Games, while he was also captain of the Southern China team at the National Meet held in Shanghai late in 1935.

B. TALBOT, of the Fusiliers, first came into the limelight in local football when he was forced to take Keneghan's position as pivot, following the latter's unfortunate accident. He had played regularly for the Fusiliers as a forward before that, and though he himself did not score many goals, was largely responsible for the openings through which his side scored.

The presence of Ridley in the Colony robbed him of obtaining a place as a forward in the Army and representative sides, but in the few games he has played so far he has shown up remarkably well. His quickness to adapt himself to the play of the other forwards was demonstrated when he partnered Bickford on New Year's day and Eidings and Leonard in the last Interport trial.

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Yeung Shui-yick, above, contributed in no small measure to South China "B's" Senior Shield win over Lyemum last Saturday.

CATHOLIC UNION CLUB LEAD

Steel, Coulson's Billiards

R. E. SERGEANTS CLOSE ON THEIR HEELS

As a result of recent matches, the Catholic Union continue to head the Steel, Coulson's Billiards League, whilst the R.E. Sergeants have displaced the Prison Officers, to secure second place.

The following are the latest results:

C. & P.O.'s Club	150	R. E. Sgt's	74
Ramsay	116	Harris	150
Savage	113	Raynor	150
Edmonds	116	Staples	150
Darwent	138	Chant	150
R.N. Yard Police	0	Prison Officers	5
Stafford	137	Pile	150
Philpott	118	Pile	150
Corman	120	Perry	150
Brotherton	117	Hill	150
Cwyther	91	Shaw	150
Catholic Union	5	Civil Service	0
Gill	150	Grimmitt	116
Periera	150	Rakusen	25
Santos	150	McGowan	51
Silva	150	Phillips	123
Jordan	150	Strange	43
Santos made a break of 50 and Periera made one of 69 (unfinished).			
D.C.R.	4	St. Patrick's	1
Newham	150	Santos	89
Lewis	150	Remedios	143
Ask	150	Castillo	87
Marst	150	Castro	123
Bright	142	Remedios	150
TABLE TO DATE			
	P. W. L.	F. A.	
U. C.	10	9	1 40
R. E. Sgt's	10	7	3 32
Prison Officers	10	7	3 31
R. W. F.	7	5	2 22
C. S. C. C.	9	5	4 22
D. R. C.	10	4	6 20
Garrison Sgts.	8	4	4 20
C.P.O.'s	9	2	7 16
R. N. Y. P.	10	2	8 16
St. Patrick's	9	1	8 11

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS

Line-Up For Game Against Colony

A wireless message has been received from Mr. Martin Smith giving the following as the line-up of the New Zealand Universities Rugby team to meet Hong Kong tomorrow on the Club ground, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

G. R. Bush; B. V. A. Jones, H. H. Fookes, J. M. Watt, C. C. Gillies; G. A. Parsons, J. J. McAuliffe; W. H. Laney, E. B. Burke, E. J. Thomas, L. S. Drake, D. A. Hudson, O. W. Chapman, A. B. Chesterton, T. O. Stace. The players of both teams will be numbered and programmes are being printed giving details of the Universities represented. These programmes will be on sale at the ground.

K.C.C. LEAGUE TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civil Service in the premier cricket league at the Valley next Saturday.

F. Goodwin (Captain), E. C. Fletcher, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lay, R. Lee, P. R. W. Smith, N. A. E. MacLay, A. W. Ramsey, S. V. Gittins, F. Zimmerman and G. C. Burnett.

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AUSTRALIA THRILLED BY HENRI COCHET STILL A MAGNIFICENT PLAYER

London, December 23. HENRI Cochet, ex-Amateur Lawn Tennis Champion of the World, who visited Ceylon a few months ago in a professional capacity and played in Colombo, is now in Australia where his brilliant play against Australia's leading professionals has been the subject of much eulogy, is still a wonderful player.

William T. Tilden, himself one of the greatest, and fit to mention alongside N. E. Brookes, and Anthony Wilding at their best, paid the former French champion a very fine and fitting compliment in one of his books, written while he was still an amateur.

"Here is the most intriguing personality in tennis," wrote Tilden. "Here is the man who, in his flights of inspiration, scales the heights of tennis undreamed of by others. I first saw Cochet nearly five years ago (written in 1928), when he first came to the United States in the Davis Cup competition, and I was impressed with his great promise.

NO MORE SPILLS!

New Stud For Football In All Weather

Footballers stand in slippery places—if the studs in their boots are right. Vital matches have been decided on this question of soles. I have been shown what appears to be a simple and practical solution, writes a Home correspondent.

It is a rubber stud with a flat circular base. A rubber ring may be placed above the base to make a deep stud for exceptionally heavy going—slipped over the mud. It gives the hold which is necessary on a dry or frost-hardened pitch: left off altogether, it forms the correct wear for a ground which is in the normal winter condition.

It can be quickly fixed in any of the three positions, and there is no danger from nailheads, which can and do create a lot of damage.

"He is a marvellous volleyer, and has the best overhead of any short man I have ever seen. Cochet is that unique player who can attack or defend with equal ease. Usually he attacks, driving deep and following to the net for his volley. But, if that attack is broken up, Cochet can retire to the baseline and fight out a defensive battle with much of the steadiness and more resource than Lacoste."

Full Of Grace
 "Cochet is a handsome man, full of personality and grace. His marvellous court covering is not only a remarkable piece of physical control, but is beautiful to watch. He is never awkward, never seemingly hurried unduly in making his strokes. In those inspired moments of his, Cochet is the greatest of all Frenchmen, and in my opinion, possibly the greatest player who has ever lived."

Local tennis enthusiasts had an opportunity of watching the French marvel in action recently at the Kowloon Cricket Club courts when he played against F. Aragon of the Philippines. R. Canavaro of Shanghai and some of the leading local players. Although they did not see Cochet at his best, they were nevertheless treated to a sparkling exhibition of tennis.

STRONG REPLY BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS

TO GIVE UP RACING

THE EARL OF LONSDALE TO SHUT STABLE

WILL RETAIN HIS CASTLE

Heavy Losses In The Coal Industry

London, December 18. The Earl of Lonsdale, whose decision to close Lowther Castle, near here, was announced this morning, is also giving up racing. His colours—white, with yellow seams and red cap—may not be seen at the opening of the next flat-racing season.

He did little racing last season, having only five horses in training and winning only two races, of a total value of \$400. Three years ago he came third in the list of winning owners, with a total of \$15,167—most of it won for him by Myrobella. In 1922 he won the St. Leger with Royal Lancer.

Since the war Lord Lonsdale had, for the most part, leased his horses from the National Stud.

Castle Not To Be Sold
 Lord Lonsdale is reported to have said that his reason for closing the castle, his home for more than half a century, was lack of money.

"It costs about \$15,000 a year to run the place, and, to-day, with my present income, it cannot be done," he said. "The closing of the Whitehaven pits has greatly influenced my decision. There is something in the region of \$160,000—I forget the exact amount—owing us from the previous company which had the mines."

Referring to his own estates company, Lord Lonsdale said: "We have had to pay \$60,000 in surtax. These things have been a big blow."

Lord Lonsdale, who will be 79 next month, does not, it is understood, contemplate selling the castle. Caretakers will be left in charge to look after the furniture and books when he closes it on Jan. 1.

"I shall come back North occasionally, I expect," he added, "but when I do I shall stay with my nephew, Mr. Antony Lowther, at Askham Hall, near Penrith."

Rumours Denied

London, Dec. 20. The Earl of Lonsdale replied to the report that he intended to give up racing when I spoke to him in the train here this afternoon during his journey to London, writes a Home correspondent.

"Leave racing? Certainly not," he said. "I shall be racing only three or four horses next year."

He added that, as usual, some of his horses are to be trained with Mr. Fred Darling, of Beckhampton, but he did not intend to sever his connection with Mr. Armstrong, of Middleham.

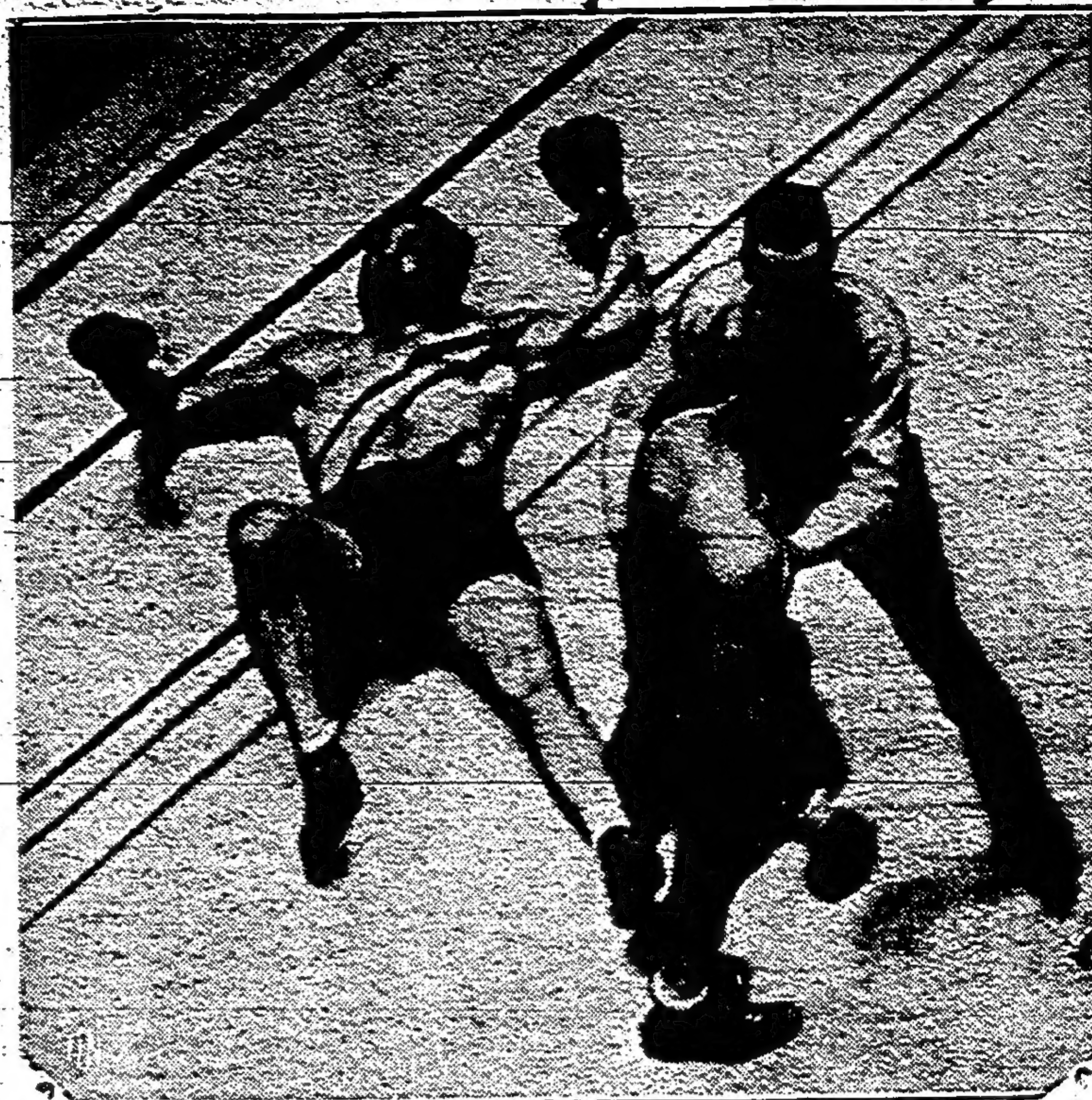
Lord Lonsdale expressed impatience at the rumours following his decision to close Lowther Castle, his Westmorland seat. "We always close Lowther in the winter," he said.

PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S FORWARDS

(Continued from Page 4)
 Talbot is a hard worker who drops back for the ball, and who is always up with his forwards when required. He is undoubtedly Dick Ridley's successor.

R. I. RICKFORD, who was born in Gibraltar in 1913, first played football for the Portsmouth Grammar School in 1925-26. He arrived in Hong Kong in 1927 and played for the Central British School, gaining his place shortly after in the Kowloon Football Club's senior team.

The 1933-34 season found Rickford wearing the Club's colours, and the following season he won "interior" recognition. He has since played for the H.K.F.A. and Civilian, and England in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition.



Looking down from the rafters of Madison Square Garden in that fourth round of the Joe Louis-Paulino Uzcudun bout, the camera secured this bird's eye view of the knockdown of Uzcudun by the fistic sensation from Detroit. Paulino is here shown lying flat on his back as referee Arthur Donovan leads Louis to a neutral corner. After eight seconds the Basque got on to his feet, but he was obviously unable to continue, and the fight was stopped to give Louis a technical knockout victory before a crowd of 20,000.

FIRE BRIGADE TROUNCED

Recreio "A" Secure Eight Sets

V.R.C. BADMINTON WIN

The Fire Brigade Recreation Club sustained their first severe defeat in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night, when they were outplayed by the Club de Recreio "A" team by 8 sets to 1 at the Central Police Station.

Playing at home, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home only managed to secure two sets against the Victoria Recreation Club.

Detailed results of the two games were as follows:

Fire Brigade Lose
 At the Central Police Station last night, the Recreio "A" beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1:

E. L. Skute and W. Stoker (Fire Brigade) lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 18-21
 lost to H. A. Alves and M. Oliveira 21-24
 beat E. de Sousa and J. Ribeiro 21-14

J. L. Anderson and H. Greenwood (Fire Brigade) lost to Carvalho and Silva 3-21
 lost to Alves and Oliveira 5-21
 lost to Sousa and Ribeiro 14-21

V.R.C. Succeeded
 At Wanchai last night, the Victoria Recreation Club beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 7 sets to 2—

R. K. Collings and J. Winfield (S. and S. Home) lost to D. P. Lopes and M. M. Soares 21-22
 lost to S. A. Ramjahn and C. N. Silva 10-21
 beat W. Fisher and E. M. L. Soares 21-6

A. Edwards and J. Heath (S. and S. Home) lost to Lopes and Soares 5-21
 lost to Ramjahn and Silva 1-21
 lost to Fisher and Soares 15-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	Games
St. Andrew's "A"	6 6 0 46 8 12
Recreio "B"	7 6 1 45 12 12
Recreio "A"	8 6 0 46 8 12
C. B. C.	6 4 2 37 17 2
Fire Brigade	7 4 3 28 55 3
St. John's	8 4 5 31 50 9
East Hall "A"	8 3 0 24 3 6
St. Andrew's "B"	8 3 0 20 51 6
V. R. C.	2 4 21 23 4
Talbot "A"	6 2 4 19 25 4
East Hall "B"	1 1 0 7 2 2
S. and S. Home	7 0 7 19 44 0
Kowloon Tong	3 0 8 25 47 0

THE KING HAS A TALK WITH HIS RETIRING JOCKEY

Childs Presented With Silver Cigarette Case

Joe Childs, who retired from the saddle this year after riding for ten years as the King's jockey, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

"I went up to the Palace alone," Childs said last night, "and talked with the King for 20 minutes. We talked mostly about horses—the King's horses."

"The King was very kind and wished me happiness in my retirement."

"His Majesty gave me a silver cigarette case. There is an inscription on it to commemorate my having ridden as his jockey from 1925 until 1935. It is initialed 'G.R.'"

EX-COLONY CHAMPION IN DULL FIGHT

Rowles Encounters Diamond

TOO MUCH MAULING AND HOLDING

London, December 17. I thought English boxers had passed that phase during which anybody who came from America was believed to carry dynamite in his gloves and start ten stone in hand of normal men, writes a Home correspondent.

There were, nevertheless, more than faint flickers of such an attitude during one of the most wearisome Albert Hall nights I can remember.

We saw holding, mauling, pulling, a caricature of wrestling in its crudest form. I know some referees who would not have tolerated some of the things which were labelled boxing.

Monotonous "Breaks"

To a monotonous chant of "break," one Al Diamond, a perky-looking and hatchet-faced American, and ex-Seaman Rowles, (formerly heavy weight champion of Hong Kong) went through what Ben Demmison aptly describes as a "welter of disorderliness."

And Roy Lazer—who, it is said, will now fight Primo Carnera in Paris—appeared to assume the form of a devastating monster of a pugilistic magician in the eyes of Ben Ford, the South African. Lazer on the two occasions I have seen him, is neither.

Camera Need Not Worry
 The simple and genial Carnera, whom I have never ranked as more than an abnormally sized fighter, has no need to lose any sleep.

If boxers know no better they may be tolerated in their disre-

IS JOE LOUIS BEST OF THE AGE?

Jack Dempsey Voices His Opinion

BLACK BOMBER DOES NOT WANT TO KILL!

New York, December 16. Is Joe Louis, the Negro boxer who defeated Paulino Uzcudun, the Spaniard, on Friday night, the greatest fighter of his age?

This question is being hotly debated by the men who should know.

Dempsey, the hardest hitter the ring has ever known, says: "I don't want to take anything away from Louis—he is the foremost challenger for the world heavyweight title—but we shall not know if he is a really great fighter until somebody gets in the ring with him who will do some hitting."

"Most of the fighters Louis has faced have folded up too quickly," Carnera, Levinsky, Paulino—not one of them was counted out. That proves Louis doesn't 'finish' with his punch, though he is a paralyzing hitter."

"I think James Braddock, the heavyweight champion of the world, will give him a tougher fight than Max Schmeling," because Jim is a difficult target; Max is easy to hit. Also Braddock punches much harder with his right than does Schmeling."

When Louis Was "Scared"

As he sailed for Germany last night Schmeling, the former heavy-weight champion, said: "Louis is a good fighter, but he can be hit; I think I've satisfied everyone I can hit hard myself."

Talking of his own punching ability, Louis says: "I didn't get into this game to kill people; boxing is just business with me."

"I hope I never have hit a man harder than just to stop him. I was scared when I thought the referee was not going to stop the fight. Paulino was helpless."

INTERNATIONAL

Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed Albert Hayes, a wing half from Aberdeen F.C., who played for Wales in a school's international.

guard for the rules—written and unwritten—of the boxing game. If, as on this occasion, the flagrant assumption that anything they can get away with is permissible comes from men supposed to be in the higher flights of their profession, responsibility goes back to the official in charge. Whatever steps, and however drastic, needed to prevent such affairs dragging to a conclusion should have been taken. Nobody wants to see it.

A SPLENDID RECOVERY

BOWLING THAT WAS ATTACKED WITH COURAGE

SIEDLE HITS A SIX!

Chipperfield Has Many "Lives"

London, December 18. With A. G. Chipperfield scoring 109, Australia carried their overnight total of 280 for 4, to 429 in the First Test, against South Africa, at Durban. This gave the tourists a lead of 181 on the first innings.

South Africa made a spirited reply, and were 167 for three at the close, after being 89 for three. I. J. Siedle (59), A. D. Nourse (48 not out) and E. A. Rowan (33 not out), showed that the Australian bowling could be hit if met with courage. Siedle actually hit a ball from Fleetwood-Smith into the covered stand. In addition, he scored seven boundaries and three 3's in his stay of 84 minutes.

Rowan and Nourse also played with delightful freedom, and at one stage, towards the end of the day, put on 51 runs in half-an-hour. This was the fastest bit of scoring by either side.

Chipperfield's "Lives"

South Africa have only themselves to blame for the Australian total reaching 429. Their fielding was deplorable. Chipperfield was dropped several times.

When play was resumed it looked as though the South Africans were going to finish off the Australian innings quickly. Two wickets fell at 299, Darling being caught at cover-point for 60, and Oldfield being out l.b.w., but the advantage was not followed up.

"Apart from Chipperfield there was little left in the batting, but Chipperfield was missed when 26, and again when 40. O'Reilly was allowed to bat 40 minutes, and Grimmett nearly an hour and a half. They kept their wickets while Chipperfield did the scoring."

O'Reilly was eventually caught in front of the sight screen off a straight drive at 329, and Grimmett fell to a catch at the wicket. Finally Chipperfield played on, and Langton finished the innings by bowling Fleetwood-Smith at 429.

Mitchell Run-Out

Siedle and Mitchell looked as though they meant business when they opened South Africa's second innings. They attacked the slow bowlers, and scored at the rate of over a run a minute until the score reached 51, when Mitchell was run out. He smacked a ball behind Oldfield, but did not notice Chipperfield, who felled the ball quickly, and threw the wicket down to run Mitchell out by inches.

Mitchell's departure did not slow down Siedle's game. He took a beautiful six off Fleetwood-Smith to reach his 50 in 76 minutes, but shortly afterwards, at 88, he was well beaten and bowled by a leg-break from Grimmett.

When Viljoen was "bowled" by Fleetwood-Smith, "things" looked bad for South Africa, but Rowan and Nourse gave their side a fighting chance of forcing a draw by taking the score to 187. The 100 went up in 109 minutes, and the 150 in 140 minutes.

Australia, however, won by 9 wickets.

BOUGHT FOR £1000; SOLD FOR £12500


While there is all the talk of the Heart of Midlothian getting big money for the sale of M. Colloche and Massie it is worth recalling that William McCartney signed both players for round about £1000—a clear gain of at least £11500.

NEW WORLD CHAMPION

Paris, January 2. Valentin Angelino, French pugilist, defeated King David, Belgian boxer, and won the world's flyweight championship yesterday, when the Belgian threw in his gloves in the fifth round—Havas.

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Perfidy Albion

It is one of the penalties of a world-wide commerce and the consequent political interests combined with a profession of general amity, that any nation that gets into a difficulty, whether by its own action or merely by misfortune, expects Great Britain to come to its aid. And when two nations quarrel or have divergent interests, and both expect our assistance, it is impossible to avoid incurring the suspicion of perfidy to one or other, or both. The recent disastrous attempt to prove friendship to France has drawn an avalanche of suspicion from everybody else, while France, so far from having achieved any confidence in our good faith, is still smarting from a sense of injury inspired by the naval understanding with Germany made only a few months ago. It is still doubtful whether the situation can be completely saved and confidence restored, but it is at least clear that only the jettisoning of Sir Samuel Hoare and his scheme of conciliation made it possible to save even the chance of regaining the leadership of public opinion which had been laboriously won.

But it is interesting to watch the same traditional suspicion of perfidy at work in the narrower field of finance, in which we are at the moment very closely entangled. It is natural to look for this habitual attitude first in the United States. For the ultimate control has for the nonce passed, not even to New York, but to Washington. In so far as that is due to the plain facts of commerce and the enormous natural wealth and manufacturing plant of the States, there is nothing to be said, but the experimental adventures of the Treasury have aimed at a complete control of the world's finance, and the obstacle in the way has always been the open London market. This is of course interpreted as deliberate treachery, but treachery to what obligation? There is of course the war debt. But there is not really any reason why the British war debt should have been treated differently from others. We are supposed to have defaulted voluntarily, when the fact is that a few more payments of gold bullion would have made trade over a large part of the world impossible, and would have done far more injury to American foreign trade than the terrible slump which actually occurred. The price of gold would have been raised still more rapidly, there would have been no other medium, and the failure to pay public debts would have been capped by the failure to pay private debts.

It is equally useless to point out that the "Brains Trust" as a whole — for there is no common purpose guiding the Washington Departments, which often pursue contradictory policies — learned nothing from their experience with gold, and repeated the same folly with silver. Even their own bankers and brokers are now pointing that out with great emphasis. They will not be listened to, for the sweeping denunciations of the popular orators of the Radio are just as suspicious of "Wall Street" as they are of England. Nobody with any Radio celebrity has yet had the courage to tell the people that they have been entirely misled as to the function and the proper use of money. It does seem absurd to set out to tell the

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

Played On 2 Winning Teams In One Day

HARRY RICE, veteran outfielder now with the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League, had the unique experience of playing on the winning team in both games of a double-header in Seattle, July 4, 1935, although Portland and Seattle each took a game. Rice played with Seattle in the opening game, which was Seattle's 4 to 3. Between games he was traded to Portland, changed uniforms, and played the second game, which was won by Portland, 3 to 1.

Most Faithful Timekeeper

The oldest clock in the world running with its original works is the parish clock of Rye, England. Work on the clock began 420 years ago, but it was not finished until 1560. Since then it has ticked away without a stop, except for minor adjustments, and keeps perfect time to this day, after 375 years. The clock is simplicity itself, cost a mere \$15.00 to make, and the inventor received exactly \$1.65 for his invention. The clock is powered by a 24 foot pendulum, which hangs down inside the church, and makes 25 beats to the minute.

GIPSY FLOWER-SELLER'S FUNERAL POMP

A six-horse hearse, with a postilion in black and gold livery, headed the funeral procession when Mrs. Rebecca Powell, 73, a gipsy flower-seller, was buried at Mitcham, Surrey, last month. Twelve horsed carriages and two motor-cars followed, and behind walked, over 100 mourners, the men in blue reefer jackets and the women in furs and plumed hats.

people of the "land of the dollar" that what they most need is an understanding of what a dollar is. Yet that is the bedrock fact of the situation.

The present position of the Silver Purchase Act transactions is that a special Banking Syndicate has had to be arranged to carry the forward purchases of the London brokers. The provisions of the Act authorized the purchase of silver either till the price reached \$1.29 per ounce, (equal to five shillings and twopence), or till the weight of metal was equal to one fourth of the gold bullion. Neither limit was ever practically attainable, unless the Treasury had been willing to buy silver with gold, as it has done on a small scale in its deal with Mexico. The amount of gold at the end of the year exceeded £2,000,000,000 in value. The amount of silver would have had to be four thousand and a half million ounces, which is twenty-five times the sum of the world's total annual production. At current price it would have been worth \$567,000,000. All that money would have been simply locked up, for the gold provides all the cover needed for the paper dollar, and as much again. The highest London quotation for silver during last year, when the States were buying large quantities, spot and forward, was three shillings and a farthing. When the Treasury confined purchases to "spot" it becomes impossible to quote a price for "forward," and spot fell to two shillings and twopence.

What the brokers had overlooked was that there was no time-limit fixed for reaching the maximum, and it was at the option of Mr. Morgenthau to postpone it to the Greek Kalends. He was therefore left in complete command of the silver market, and in self-defence the silver-using countries had to abandon their standard. The lowest modern price of silver was one shilling an ounce, and at a commodity value there is nothing to prevent it from dropping again to that level. It would suffice for the Treasury to stop purchasing, and if there were any attempt to sell things would be worse.

Where in all this does the "perfidy of the English" of which they are accused by Father Coughlin and the silver Senators, come in?

Here There, and Everywhere.

CLOGG AND CHESABILL

Sir William Craigie has launched from Chicago a further instalment of his immense "Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue." It opens with Chamberlaine ("three gnyntaris and three chamberlains"), and closes with Commove, Commowe, Commove or Commuf ("whereat the Earl was bechille commovt, saying 'Robert was an feeble beast'").

Such words as Clogbog and Chesabill—which may be spelt in 22 different ways, all different from the English chasuble—ornament the volume.

THE DICTIONARY KING

Sir William Craigie, who is Professor of English at the University of Chicago, may almost be described as the dictionary king. He was for many years joint editor with Dr. C. T. Onions of the Oxford Dictionary, and he is now editing an "Historical Dictionary of the American Language." The present section of the Scottish work is the fifth. The first appeared in November, 1931. At the present rate of progress it will take about 20 years more to complete the dictionary, which is to appear in 25 parts.

Your Daily Smile!

Seen Worse
The sad-looking man in the tenement area leaned over the banister and caught the visitor before she could disappear down a hole in the staircase.
"I wonder," said the visitor, indignantly, "the landlord doesn't do something to repair this wretched building!"
"Well," said the slum dweller, "he was going to do something about it until he went on a tour to Naples and saw the ruins of Pompeii. Now he thinks this isn't too bad."

Now It Can Be Told
"Oatmeal, oatmeal, every day oatmeal!" lamented Willie.
"Yes," said Fred, "no wonder they call it a serial."

Easy Etiquette
Social tact is making your company feel at home even though you wish they were.
The easiest way to climb the social ladder is to have your grandfather begin at the bottom of it.
All kinds of social knowledge and graces are useful, but one of the best is to be able to yawn with your mouth closed.

GRADING THE WORLD FLEETS

IMPORTANT ISSUES AT NAVAL PARLEY

BIG INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AWAIT SOLUTION

(By Hector C. Bywater)

INTERNATIONAL problems June, Germany became entitled to build up to 35 per cent. of Britain's total tonnage—including that of the Dominion navies—in surface vessels, and up to 45 per cent. of our submarine strength. She is exercising this right with so much energy that the appearance in the North Sea of a fleet one-third as large as our own, but infinitely more modern in design and construction, is a matter of a few years only.

North Sea Vital Area

This new fact is bound to effect a radical reorientation of British naval strategy. Since the war the Admiralty staff has been much more interested in the Mediterranean, the Far East, and other distant zones than in home waters. Now, however, the North Sea is reverting to its former status as a strategic area of cardinal importance.

It would be imprudent to overlook the fact that, whereas Germany is free to mass the whole of her fleet in the North Sea, our world-wide commitments compel us to keep the major part of our naval force in the outer seas. At the present moment, for example, out of a total of 35 cruisers in full commission only four are attached to the Home Fleet.

It is fully recognised that naval limitation on the ratio system is moribund, and cannot be resuscitated. Therefore, at the present Conference, the British Government has suggested an alternative formula, which was outlined in Parliament on July 22 by the First Lord of the Admiralty:

"We have had to give up (he said) the idea of ratios, and in future we must go in for the principle of programmes. We have abandoned the principle of asking naval Powers what the ultimate strength of their navies is to be, and instead are asking them what size they will be in 1942. If we can then pool these replies, and by agreement accommodate these various naval strengths in such a

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



THIS PICTURE WAS DRAWN SEPT. 5.

THE BLOOM OF THE MASKAL
ETHIOPIAN FLOWER OF THE APOCALYPSE—
REACHES FULL BLOOM ON SEPTEMBER 21ST
"DAY OF THE MASKALFEAST"
WHICH SIGNIFIES THE END OF THE RAINS
AFTER THE RAINS—COMES WAR!

Drawn by
KATA CLOSON

A FISH CAUGHT BY DAY AND HELD ON UNTIL LUNCHED BY HENRY D. SEXTON, East 51ST Street, N.Y.

Madame BEZUL of ANKARA, Turkey
is MOTHER-IN-LAW OF 9 BROTHERS

"TRUTH SERUM"

CHEMIST ON SCOPOLAMINE EXPERIMENTS

Scientific Poisoning

NEED FOR MORE CONTROL OVER NEW DRUGS

The existence of a substance which, it is claimed, causes men to speak the truth, whether they like it or not, was mentioned by Mr. Henry T. F. Rhodes in an address at the annual meeting of the British Association of Chemists in Liverpool recently.

Speaking of the control of the sale of poisons, Mr. Rhodes said that, had control existed in the fifteenth century, poisoning, which became a fine art, would not have been so largely practised.

Timed Poisons

The Borgias were expert poisoners, and they used arsenic scientifically. The so-called timed poisons, for example, consisted of arsenic administered in such a way that the poisoner could watch his victim slowly die with symptoms very like those of natural disease, and could almost predict to a day the time of his death.

The same thing was often done now, as the criminal records showed. He often wondered how many people died in England yearly, apparently from natural causes, who had, in fact, been poisoned by the expert administration of arsenic.

The advance of chemistry and biochemistry made legislation more necessary than ever. Certain substances, not formally classed as poisons, could be very dangerous agents in the hands of those who wished to murder without leaving a trace of their crime.

Insulin was an example. An overdose was extremely dangerous, since it reacted upon the muscular system, particularly that of the heart, causing heart-failure. The insulin decomposed and could not be traced in the body after death. There were other substances which could be used, not with intent to murder, but for other unscrupulous motives.

"The Truth Serum"

An example was scopolamine, sometimes wrongly called the "truth serum." It was not a serum but an alkaloid, and, when administered in a certain way, it was said to have a certain psychological effect which caused men to speak the truth whether they wished to or not. Experiments had been tried with this drug on criminals in America.

What the effect really was was uncertain, but there was little doubt that it was profound and that it took men off their guard so that they would withhold when in a normal state. It was perfectly obvious what opportunities the existence of drugs of this kind gave to the unscrupulous.

CHILDREN'S CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT

For Ambulance Work In New Territories

By kind permission of the Managing Director of the King's Theatre, a Children's Cinema Entertainment has been arranged by Mrs. G. F. Hole for Tuesday, January 28, at 10.30 a.m.

Mrs. Hole has selected, through the courtesy of the film-distributors, "Mickey Mouse" and other suitable and attractive pictures. The performance will prove a popular attraction for the Chinese New Year holidays.

The prices will be 50 cents, 30 cents, and 20 cents for children; adults, usual prices.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the John Ambulance Association New Territory Clinics and for the relief of the sick poor in the New Territories—women and children in particular.

Principals of schools are kindly asked to co-operate with the St. John Ambulance Association, which is in urgent need of funds for the maintenance of the New Territories, benevolent work, where lives of expectant mothers and sick children depend upon the ministrations of St. John nurses.



Edith Fellows gives an excellent performance in the Columbia picture, "She Married Her Boss," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S DEFENDERS

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C. S. PILE was born in Hong Kong in 1909 and was educated at St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong. In 1927 he joined the Kowloon Football Club and played for them in the Third Division, but was soon promoted to the first team, in which he played first at outside-right and later at outside-left. The following season he played at left-back, and in the next three years he was a member of the Kowloon team which reached the final of the Senior Shield twice.

In 1931 he joined the Hong Kong Football Club, but he only played one game for them as he joined the Hong Kong Police soon after.

Pile's first appearance in a soccer interport was in 1930 when he played at left-back in A. V. Gosano's team. The following year he was chosen as reserve outside-left in Hong Kong, and in 1934 he was chosen as left-half. Last year he played at left-back in the team which beat Shanghai. He has also played for England in the local competition and in the Governor's and Lai Wah Cup contests.

Besides football, Pile plays regularly for the Police at hockey on the right wing, being a member of the Police team which won the Mamak Hockey Tournament two seasons ago. He is also a good tennis player and plays for the Police Recreation Club in the league, while he is considered one of the best cueists in the Force.

LEUNG WING-CHIU is another of the many players who started with the South China second team—in 1924. He originally played at full-back. Two years later, however, he gained promotion and has played in almost all the positions in the intermediate line ever since. He has been twice capped for Hong Kong in the Interport series and played for China once in the Far Eastern Olympic Games. He is vice-captain of the South China "A" team this season.

N. BELTRAO, the Recreio and Interport centre-half, who was born in Macao, first played soccer while at school.

He made his first appearance in local soccer when he played for the Recreio seniors in 1926, at the age of 16, in goal. Subsequently he was tried out in all the positions, and was finally played as a pivot, in which berth he has remained ever since.

Last year revealed him in his best form, and he was selected as the Colony's pivot against Shanghai. Previous to this he had represented the Colony's Portuguese Community against the Club Lusitano, of Shanghai, in the annual Portuguese Interport, which has since been temporarily abandoned.

A fine all-rounder, Beltrao excels at tennis, badminton, hockey and basketball, while he still is a fairly good sprinter.

Born in Hong Kong, LEE KWOK-WAI had his first game of football in 1925 when he played for the South China second eleven. Despite his good performances, he did not gain a place in the first team till 1932, this being due to the fact that there were too many claims for the eleven places in the side.

In 1935 he was chosen to play for China in the Olympic Games and in the same year he just missed his "Colony" cap, being chosen as reserve for the Interport against Shanghai.

WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

Broadcast By Mr. M. E. Politi

TWO HANDS DISCUSSED TO-NIGHT

At 10.05 to-night, Mr. Politi, who delivered several broadcasts last year, will discuss the tournament to be held at the American Club on February 4 at 7.30 p.m.

Last year over 200,000 enthusiasts played the hands, each of which is carefully selected by experts to illustrate some point of value to every-day Bridge play. Results are scored against a par for bidding and play.

Mr. Politi will describe the two hands shown below; so listeners should have this article before them at the time.

East Dealer
North and South Vulnerable
S K 6 5 2
H 6 3
D 10 2
C K J 7 5 2
S Q J 9 8 3
H K J 9
D A 8 6 3
C 6

South Dealer
Both sides Vulnerable
S A 3 3 2
H A K Q 7 6
D 10 3
C 8 5
S K J 10 9 7
H 4 2
D A Q 9 6
C A J 9 6

Players interested are reminded that entries close at noon of Saturday January 25.

PEN SKETCHES OF RESERVES AND MANAGEMENT

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His first participation in representative football was in 1926, when he gained a place in the China soccer eleven which went to the Far Eastern Olympiad at Manila in 1926. After that he played in the first eleven and has done so ever since. He has occupied both the centre-half and centre-forward positions and has won Interport recognition twice.

M. L. RAILTON, who was born at Cape Town, South Africa, in 1895, was educated at Chertsey School, Surrey, England, and at the Victoria British School, Hong Kong.

While in South Africa he started playing Rugby, but changed over to soccer when he arrived in Hong Kong in 1908. He started playing for the Club in 1911, and captained the Club side which reached the final of the Senior Shield in 1921, but he left for Home before the final was played. He also skippered the English team in the annual match against Scotland in 1920. That was before the institution of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition.

In 1923 he was transferred to Kobe and for seven years he captained the Kobe Football Club team and took part in all the interport games against Yokohama. He returned to Hong Kong in 1931 and has been figuring prominently with the Club's senior team this season.

S. H. STRANGE, the former Club and Interport captain, was born in London in 1909 and first played at school, skipping the London Schools. He played in the London League and was also in the London Conservative Football Association team, captained by his younger brother "E.L." in the early part of 1929-30, when they won the All-London Cup.

He arrived in the Colony in the latter stages of the 1929-30 season and joined the Club seniors, with whom he has been associated ever since.

He secured his first Interport "cap" in his first season in the Colony—1929-30—and again in 1931-32 and 1933-34, when he captained the side. He skippered the Club for two seasons in succession and has played in the Lai Wah Cup, the Sunday Herald Cup and the Governor's Cup competitions.

Four cases of diphtheria were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Monday.

Today's Short Story

The Count And The Wedding Guest

By O. Henry

ONE evening when Andy Donovan went to dinner at his Second Avenue boarding-house, Mrs. Scott introduced him to a new boarder, a young lady, Miss Conway.

Miss Conway was small and unobtrusive. She wore a plain, snuffly-brown dress, and bestowed her interest, which seemed languid, upon her plate. She lifted her diffident eyelids and shot one perspicacious, judicial glance at Mr. Donovan, politely murmured his name, and returned to her mutton. Mr. Donovan bowed with the grace and beaming smile that was rapidly winning for him social, business and political advancement, and erased the snuffly-brown one from the tablets of his consideration.

Two weeks later Andy was sitting on the front steps enjoying his cigar. There was a soft rustle behind and above him, and Andy turned his head—and had his head turned.

Just coming out of the door was Miss Conway. She wore a night-black dress of crepe de—crepe de—oh, this thin black goods. Her hat was black, and from it drooped and fluttered an ebony veil, filmy as a spider's web. She stood on the top step and drew on black silk gloves. Not a speck of white or a spot of colour about her dress anywhere.

Her rich golden hair was drawn, with scarcely a ripple, into a shining, smooth knot low on her neck. Her face was plain rather than pretty, but it was now illuminated and made almost beautiful by her large grey eyes that gazed above the houses across the street into the sky with an expression of the most appealing

"A COUNTRY GIRL"

Successful Dress Rehearsal

Last night's dress rehearsal of "A Country Girl," to be presented this evening at the first public performance by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, went with a fine swing from start to finish.

A detailed report will appear in this paper later. For the moment it is only necessary to say that obviously no pains have been spared to make the show a success. Everybody works hard, the costumes, scenery and groupings are very fine, and the singing by principals and chorus is an especially strong feature of the show.

Last night's audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, including the local "business" and "gags." We confidently predict bumper houses during the run.

QUADS AND QUINS

Extreme Rarity Of Quintuplets

The present vogue for multiple births suggests the question whether they are a new phenomenon or whether it is that modern scientific discoveries have enabled the children to survive more frequently.

The latter appears to be the true explanation. Quadruplets have always been fairly common. Twenty, for instance, were recorded in Germany in 1920.

In the British Isles, five women have given birth to quadruplets in the last six years, and in none of these cases did all the children survive.

Of sextuplets, only six cases have been recorded in the world since 1831.

WORLD'S LARGEST CAULIFLOWER?

On Exhibition At Nice

A cauliflower over three feet in height and measuring four feet round has been grown by M. Francois Calabro, a farmer in Nice.

The cauliflower weighs no less than 26lb. It is to be placed on public exhibition—Benton.

"Who will Win?"



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Parking Spaces In Kowloon

QUESTIONS BY HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

1. Will the Honourable the Inspector General of Police state—
 - (a) what are the respective numbers of motor-cars, exclusive of buses, trucks and lorries, registered for Kowloon for the past three years—1933 to 1935—inclusive;
 - (b) what are the facilities on Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry pier for the parking of motor cars;
 - (c) what is the approximate superficial ground area in each of the above three years allotted for the public parking of cars in that locality; and
 - (d) whether the ground area referred to in Question (c) represents an increase during the past three years in proportion to the larger number of privately-owned cars in Kowloon?

2. Does the Government consider the authorised parking space on Salisbury Road sufficient for the number of registered motor-cars for Kowloon?

3. Should such area not be deemed adequate, by what further provision, if any, and where does the Government contemplate increasing the accommodation to meet suitably the growing demand for parking spaces within the aforesaid area?

4. Does the Government contemplate the use of the open space of Crown land lying between Middle Road and Salisbury Road and the open space on Salisbury Road adjoining and to the east of the existing car park? If not, could not such spaces, or any other piece of Crown land in that neighbourhood, be utilised, provisionally, for adding to existing car parking spaces at Kowloon Point?

European Civil Servants
The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

- 1.—(1) What was the total number of European Civil Servants employed by Government at (a) end of 1923, (b) end of 1931, (c) end of 1935.

(2) What was the number of persons constituting the European Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff at the aforesaid periods?

2. What was the total amount of salaries paid to the Public Works Department Staff, European and non-European, in (a) 1923, (b) 1931, (c) 1935.

3. Since the date of the Report of the Retrenchment Commission (May 1931)—

- (a) What additions, if any, have been made in the European Staff on the Civil List?

(c) In view of the imperative necessity for retrenchment, what is the policy of Government in regard to European officers who, having done 10 years of service in the Colony, but not having reached pensionable age, are nevertheless willing to retire?

(b) If under existing regulations there is no power to permit such retirements, will Government consider the question of amending such regulations with the view to conferring such power, in order to save the heavy expense of paying the return passage for such officers and families who have only a further short period to serve in order to qualify for pension?

Various Motions
The Colonial Secretary will move:

"That the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 17 and 18), dated 5th and 27th December, 1935, respectively, be adopted."

The Attorney General will move the first reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to amend further the Pensions Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to make provision for the appointment of Crown Bents."

"A Bill to amend the Gambling Ordinance, 1891."

"A Bill to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1866."

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Quarantine and the Prevention of Disease among human beings."

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Telecommunication."

"A Bill to amend further the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and the Forgery of Documents Ordinance, 1935."



A recent portrait of Thelma Todd, film star, whose death last month in her car in a garage near her Santa Monica home is cloaked with mystery. She may have been the victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The 1st Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers is due to-day on the transport Dorsetshire. The Fusiliers, who were stationed last at Colchester, are going to Shanghai to relieve the 1st Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Dorsetshire will also pick up here several details for Shanghai and Tientsin. The Commanding Officer of the Lancashire Fusiliers is Lt. Col. L. H. K. Finch, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Among the passengers who left for the North early this morning by the s.s. President Cleveland were Miss Marcia Graze, Mrs. L. P. Morrison, Mr. C. Siepe, the Rev. J. Heemskerk, Mrs. Morris Joseph, Mrs. H. S. Howe, Mrs. G. Cullen, Mr. H. M. Baker, Mr. J. R. Cartwright, Miss Sylvia Joseph, Miss Maunila Morrison, Miss Luella Morrison and Miss V. S. Lake.

Fifteen cases of diphtheria, with seven deaths, four of scarlet fever, seven of typhoid fever (one imported, with one death), and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal meningitis, were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday January 11.

Captain R. D. Walker, M.C., A.R.C.S., will deliver a lecture on "Some Aspects of Railway Engineering" to the University Engineering Society on Friday, January 17, at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the University. All interested are welcome.

Among the passengers arriving here next Friday morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada will be Mr. Allan-Cameron, former Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., at this port, and Mrs. Cameron. It is understood that they will remain in Hong Kong for about one month.

By special request a repeat performance of "Lady Precious Stream" will be given by the Hong Kong University Arts Association in the Great Hall of the University, on Wednesday, January 22, at 8.45 p.m. Booking opens at the King's Theatre on Friday, January 17. Tickets are \$2 and \$1.

Owing to indisposition Dr. G. M. Hargreaves will not be able to speak at the general meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association in the hall of St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, to-morrow.

and for clearing of certain Sea Areas in connection therewith.

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COMMUNICATIONS DISORGANISED

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being hurried from time to time by Ras Datta's troops in the vicinity of Dolo.

During the last two rainy days Italian fliers have been very active on both fronts, but otherwise all is quiet, except for the continued fighting near Makalle and Alsum.

Rome: Official War Bulletin No. 96 states that Italian scouting patrols were active on Monday in the Takas sector as well as south of Makalle. Nothing noteworthy occurred on the rest of the front.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE
Asmara: Signor Mussolini's youngest son, Vittorio Mussolini, had a miraculous escape from death during a bombing attack on the Abyssinian positions at Amba Aradam. Vittorio's plane was hit by an anti-aircraft shell which exploded inside the cabin, putting the machine-gun out of action and damaging the equipment of the cabin, but the young pilot himself was unhurt and no essential part of the plane's controls was destroyed.

ITALIAN DENIALS
Rome: The Italian denials that planes bombed the Egyptian Red Cross unit near Daggahbur have now been confirmed by a telegram despatched to Addis Ababa by Prince Ismael Daud, drawing the attention of the Abyssinian Government to the fact that the Egyptian unit had not been attacked.

The telegram, which is printed prominently in the Italian papers, states that Italian planes bombed the Abyssinian troops on January 4 at Bullale, but that no damage was done to the Egyptian unit 43 kilometres away. In Daggahbur there was no Egyptian but only an Abyssinian station—Trans-Ocean Service.

EFFECT OF SANCTIONS
London: The overseas trade figures of December again reveal a loss of exports to Italy suffered by British traders in consequence of the imposition of economic sanctions by the League of Nations, following Italy's resort to war of East Africa in disregard of her covenants. The exports of coal to Italy in December amounted to 19,098 tons, worth £14,000, compared with 420,273 tons valued at £349,073 in the last month of 1934. No more than six tons of iron and steel left Great Britain for Italy last month. This compared with 1272 tons 12 months before.

PRECIOUS GASOLINE
Asmara: Owing to the discovery that thousands of gallons of precious gasoline have been wasted since the beginning of the campaign owing to truck drivers and others having to fill their gasoline tanks through broken bottles and other makeshift funnels, a hurried call was sent to Italy for the supply of 5,000 funnels, which have just arrived at the front—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

Italian Version Of "Tipperary"
"WEAR A BLACK SHIRT, LITTLE BLACKFACE"

Asmara, To-day. "Wear a black shirt, little blackface," is the Italian soldiers' equivalent of the famous war song "Tipperary," and is heard everywhere on the front and behind the front at cafes and restaurants. Foreign correspondents are by now familiar with the tune, which is set to fair music and processes quite a catchy air—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

Timber Industry Jeopardised
SERIOUS SITUATION CAUSED BY SANCTIONS

Belgrade: A lively debate on the serious position in which the Yugoslav timber industry finds itself in consequence of the sanctions took place at a meeting of the representatives of all the organisations of this industry.

The chairman of the former Ministry for Forestry and Mining, M. Gismak, said:

The speakers pointed out that Yugoslav exports of timber to Italy

amounted to 22 to 25 per cent. of the total exports, and that the timber-growers and sawmills would be obliged to suspend operations, which might mean their having to cease business altogether. One hundred and eighty thousand workers were employed in the timber industry, and dismissal would mean privation for their families, thus affecting hundreds of thousands of persons.

Their situation was all the more deplorable since parts of the forestry region had always been among the distressed areas in Yugoslavia.

BITTER ATTACKS
In the ensuing discussion bitter attacks were made upon France, which had refused to give the smaller countries any kind of compensation for the losses caused by the sanctions. Acknowledgment, on the other hand, had been made by the British Government, which had declared its willingness to make good at least 10 per cent. of Yugoslavia's losses from the cessation of exports to Italy.

The meeting thereupon adopted a resolution requesting the Government to change its trade policy by importing from other countries according to the degree in which they took Yugoslav exports—Trans-Ocean Service.

AUSTRIAN DENIAL
Vienna: The reports published by a number of foreign newspapers which alleged that a number of concentration camps are being established in Austria for Italians who have crossed the frontier in order to escape military service, are emphatically denied by the semi-official newspaper, *Politische Korrespondenz*, which adds that the Italian fugitives, whose number is "considerable," are enjoying unrestricted freedom as regards their movements within Austrian territory.

ACTIVITY AT SUEZ
Paris: Eight Italian steamers have passed through the Suez Canal between January 7 and January 12 in the direction of Eritrea, states a message received here from Port Said, which adds that the ships carried besides 13,500 troops, 2,000 rifles and 300,000 tons of ammunition—Trans-Ocean Service.

Outlook In Rome More Optimistic

Rome: The outlook in official circles has again become optimistic during the last few days, since neither Britain nor any other country as yet seeks the initiative in Geneva concerning the oil sanctions, so that the hope is that these will be avoided altogether, or, at the very least, that Italy will gain considerable time.

The belief is current here that the British Cabinet meeting convened for to-day intends to instruct Mr. Anthony Eden not to move the application for the oil sanctions at Geneva, because this would deprive Italy of its most effective weapons, such as tanks and aeroplanes, and would increase the likelihood of an Abyssinian victory too greatly, the prospect of a victorious black army being it is said here, by no means congenial to the British Government.

BRITISH MINISTER'S RETURN
Sir Eric Drummond returned to Rome earlier than his programme allowed, and conversations between Mr. Laval and Signor Cerrutti are also interpreted as favourable signs.

The plan that the League should send in a mixed commission of investigation towards Abyssinia is not displeasing in principle to Italy, because it is argued that Italy has nothing to conceal, whereas a conciliatory attitude on the matter would probably lead to a definite postponement of the oil sanctions.

On the other hand delay in arriving at a concrete settlement of the whole conflict allows Britain time to complete her military preparations in the Mediterranean—Trans-Ocean Service.

"NO AGGRESSION BY ITALY"
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Government reserves the right to make demands for compensation—Reuters.

BRITISH RED CROSS UNITS
London: It is expected that two British Red Cross units will leave next week for service on the north-western front in Abyssinia. The public has responded

QUEEN'S THEATRE
TO-NIGHT
AND THURS. FRI.
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Messrs. Sun Yung Kee 1.30
Messrs. Tai Yick 1.00
Mr. Kwok Kum Fook 3.00
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OLYMPIC BELL TO TRAVEL
Ceremonious Procession

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL BOCHUM, To-day.

Preparations are now being made for the transportation of the 16-ton Olympic bell for the newly constructed station at Berlin, where it will be installed in the 250-foot-high "Fuehrer Tower".

Owing to its unwieldy dimensions transport by rail is impracticable, so that the long journey to Berlin, commencing to-morrow, will be made by road, and it is estimated that it will occupy 10 days.

On its arrival at Potsdam the bell will be escorted in a ceremonious procession for the last 29 miles of the journey to the capital—Trans-Ocean Service.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Jose Jacques Floriano Alvarez, the managing partner of the Central Radio Service, residing at No. 6—Cameron Road, Kowloon, and Miss Patricia Mercedes Remedios, of No. 13—Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

generously to Canon Sheppard's broadcast appeal in connection with the despatch of masts.

Rome: Italy may not participate in the League Council meetings on January 20. The matter is under consideration and no decision has yet been taken, according to authoritative circles—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Latest Quotations

January 15. The following quotations were received last night between 11 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. Last Close 10.30 11.00

N.Y. Cotton 10.88 10.82 10.85
N.Y. Rubber 14.27 14.22 14.22
Chicago Wheat May 100 99%
Chicago Corn May 60 60

STOCKS:
Anaconda 29% 29% 29%
Copper 29% 29% 29%
Elec. Bond & Share 17 17% 17%
General Motors 55% 55% 55%
Montgomery Ward 37 37% 37%
N.Y. Central 30% 30 29%
U.S. Steel 48% 48% 48%

The following quotations from London were received last night between 5.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. Silver Spot 20% (last close), 20% (last read), unchanged.
Silver Forward unquoted.
Silver Report—Speculators sold.
India bought. Market quietly steady.
Liverpool Cotton—May 5.77 (last close), 5.83 (last read), .06 up (change).
Liverpool Wheat—March 6/5% (last close), 6/6% (last read), 1/4 down (change).
London Rubber—April-June (buyers) 6% (last close), 6% (last read), unchanged.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

Prey. Yesterday Closing Closing

New York Cotton:
March 11.21 11.24
May 10.86 10.94
July 10.52 10.57
October 14.11 14.08
December (1935) 10.05 10.02
Spot 11.95 11.95

New York Rubber:
March 14.27 14.38
May 14.41 14.53
July 14.56 14.68
September 14.69 14.83
December 14.93 15.03

Chicago Wheat:
May 100 100%
July 88% 89
September 87% 87%
Chicago Corn:
May 60 60
July 60% 60%
September 60% 60%
Winnipeg Wheat:
May 87% 87%
July 88% 88%
October 87% 87%

New York Silk:
March 1.93 1.99
May 1.92% 1.99
July 1.93 1.97%

ENGLISH SIXPENCE

CONVICTS THIEF

Found With Canadian Money Stolen

Toronto (Ontario). An English sixpence cost a man named William Short three years in prison at Hamilton (Ontario). The coin proved him guilty of robbing a grocer's shop.

The man was given his sentence by a judge at Hamilton, and lost his appeal against the conviction here.

About \$570 was stolen, and among Canadian money was a solitary English sixpence.

When they searched Short's pockets 22260 were found—and a sixpenny piece.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Dennis Sydney John, widower, aged sergeant, R.A.F.C., Carriacou, Sergeant Moss, Queen's Road, Central Hong Kong, and Miss Amy Dorothy Baby Pave, of No. 24 Hanlow Road, Kowloon.



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 HIRAWA MARU (Starts from Kobe) Monday, 2nd Feb.
 LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM.
 KATORI MARU Saturday, 18th Jan.
 KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 1st Feb.
 YASUKUNI MARU Friday, 14th Feb.
 SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

KAMO MARU Saturday, 25th Jan.
 KITANO MARU Saturday, 22nd Feb.
 BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
 HAYABASHI MARU Tuesday, 28th Jan.
 HURON MARU Thursday, 30th Jan.
 SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,
 Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

HEIYO MARU Tuesday, 4th Feb.
 NEW YORK via Panama.
 HIRAWA MARU Saturday, 8th Feb.
 LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Seyruth, Istanbul, Piraeus,
 Genoa and Valencia.

DURBAN MARU Saturday, 18th Jan.
 CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
 HIRAWA MARU Wednesday, 15th Jan.
 TOKUSHIMA MARU Wednesday, 29th Jan.
 SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

HAKONE MARU Friday, 17th Jan.
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THE COUNT AND THE WEDDING GUEST

(Continued from Page 7.)

Miss Conway smiled a little
 smile. And oh, it was sadder than
 her expression in repose.

"Laugh, and the world laughs
 with you; weep, and they give
 you the laugh," she quoted. "I
 have learned that, Mr. Donovan.
 I have no friends or acquaintances
 in this city. But you have been
 kind to me. I appreciate it high-
 ly."

He had passed her the pepper
 twice at the table.

"It's tough to be alone in New
 York—that's a cinch," said Mr.
 Donovan. "But, say—whenver
 this little old town does loosen up
 and get friendly it goes the limit.
 Say you took a little stroll in the
 park. Miss Conway—don't you
 think it might chase away some of
 your mulligwns? And if you'd
 allow me—"

"Thanks, Mr. Donovan. I'd be
 pleased to accept of your escort if
 you think the company of one
 whose heart is filled with gloom
 could be any ways agreeable to
 you."

Through the open gates of the
 iron-railed, old, downtown park
 where the elect once took the air,
 they strolled, and found a quiet
 bench.

There is this difference between
 the grief of youth and that of old
 age; youth's burden is lightened
 by as much of it as another shares;
 old age may give and give, but the
 sorrow remains the same.

"He was my fiance," confided
 Miss Conway, at the end of an
 hour. "We were going to be mar-
 ried next spring. I don't want
 you to think that I am stringing
 you, Mr. Donovan, but he was a
 real Count. He had an estate and
 a castle in Italy. Count Fernan-
 do Mazzini was his name. I never
 saw the beat of him for elegance.
 Papa objected, of course, and once
 we eloped, but papa overtook us,
 and took us back. I thought sure
 papa and Fernando would fight a
 duel. Papa has a lively business
 —in P'kipsee, you know."

"Finally, papa came round, all
 right, and said we might be mar-
 ried next spring. Fernando showed
 him proofs of his title and
 wealth, and then went over to
 Italy to get the castle fixed up for
 us. Papa's very proud, and when
 Fernando wanted to give me
 several thousand dollars for my
 trousseau he called him down some-
 thing awful. He wouldn't even let
 me take a ring or any presents
 from him. And when Fernando
 sailed I came to the city and got a
 position as cashier in a candy
 store."

"Three days ago I got a letter
 from Italy, forwarded from
 P'kipsee, saying that Fernando
 had been killed in a gondola acci-
 dent."

"That is why I am in mourning.
 My heart, Mr. Donovan, will re-
 main for ever in his grave. I re-
 guess I am poor company, Mr.
 Donovan, but I cannot take any
 interest in no one. I should not
 care to keep you from gaiety and
 your friends who can smile and
 entertain you. Perhaps you
 would prefer to walk back to the
 house?"

"Nothing, Maggie."

"I know better. Can't I tell?

You never acted this way before.

What is it?"

"It's nothing much, Maggie."

"Yes, it is; and I want to know.

I'll bet it's some other girl you are
 thinking about. All right—Why
 don't you go get her if you want
 her? Take your arm away, if you
 please."

"I'll tell you, then," said Andy
 wisely, "but I guess you won't
 understand it exactly. You've
 heard of Mike Sullivan, haven't
 you? 'Big Mike' Sullivan, every-
 body calls him."

"No, I haven't," said Maggie.

"And I don't want to, if he makes
 you act like this. Who is he?"

"He's the biggest man in New
 York," said Andy, almost reverent-
 ly. "He can about do anything
 he wants to with Tammany or any
 other old thing in the political
 line. He's a mile high and as
 broad as East River. You say
 anything against Big Mike, and
 you'll have a million men on your
 collarbone in about two seconds.
 Why, he made a visit over to the
 old country while back, and the
 Kings took to their heels like rab-
 bits."

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Melvyn Douglas plays an im-
 portant part in the Columbia
 picture, "She Married Her Boss,"
 which will be screened at the
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CURBING POLITICAL TERRORISM

Bengal Government's New Plan

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR PRISONERS

Calcutta.

The Government of Bengal's
 new plan for curbing political
 terrorism by providing agricul-
 tural and industrial training for
 suspects will shortly be in opera-
 tion.

It is understood that about 165
 acres of land have been taken not
 far from Calcutta, and it is ex-
 pected that over 80 men will be
 absorbed in the initial training
 centres when they start work.

In announcing the plan, at the
 prorogation of the Bengal Legis-
 lative Council in August, Sir John
 Anderson, Governor of Bengal,
 declared that he had long recog-
 nised that the method of holding
 prisoners indefinitely without
 future prospects would not stamp
 out the "sinister and cankerous
 growth of terrorism."

He hoped that the experiment,
 if successful, would go far to-
 wards solving the problem of un-
 employment as well as checking
 the terrorist evil.

DEATH DUTIES ON ASTOR ESTATE

Ten-Year Battle For Refund

LORD ASTOR AND BROTHER CONTINUE FIGHT

Washington.

Lord Astor and Major J. Astor
 are continuing their ten-year
 battle to obtain a refund from the
 United States Government of the
 \$2,000,000 death duties paid on
 their father's estate.

They have petitioned the United
 States Supreme Court asking that
 the Supreme Court shall either
 review the case or allow a new
 trial in a lower court.

This answers the United States
 Government's appeal to the
 Supreme Court asking it to direct
 the lower courts to dismiss the
 suit entirely.

The disputed death duties were
 paid on two trust funds valued at
 \$3,200,000 created for the two
 sons and their families.

The company administering the
 trust fund paid the duties under
 protest, and they later commen-
 ced a suit for a refund claiming
 that the trusts were "not made in
 contemplation of death."—Reuter.

JAPANESE LAUGH AT OUR FILMS

Translated Dialogue No Good

Tokyo.

The superimposing of Japanese
 dialogue on English-speaking films
 has produced such humorous ef-
 fects in the eyes of Japanese film-
 goers that shows are being ruined
 here.

The language does not lend it-
 self to this treatment, and some
 of the effects are astounding.
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 when they hear English and
 American stars "speaking" Japa-
 nese. Tense, dramatic scenes be-
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E/Canada	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
E/Russia	Feb. 26	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 14
E/Japan	Mar. 6	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 24
E/Asia	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 12	Apr. 22
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 10	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23	June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 7	June 17
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20	June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 5	July 14
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26	July 29	July 31	Aug. 2	Aug. 12
E/Russia	Aug. 7	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 24
E/Japan	Aug. 21	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 3	Sept. 12

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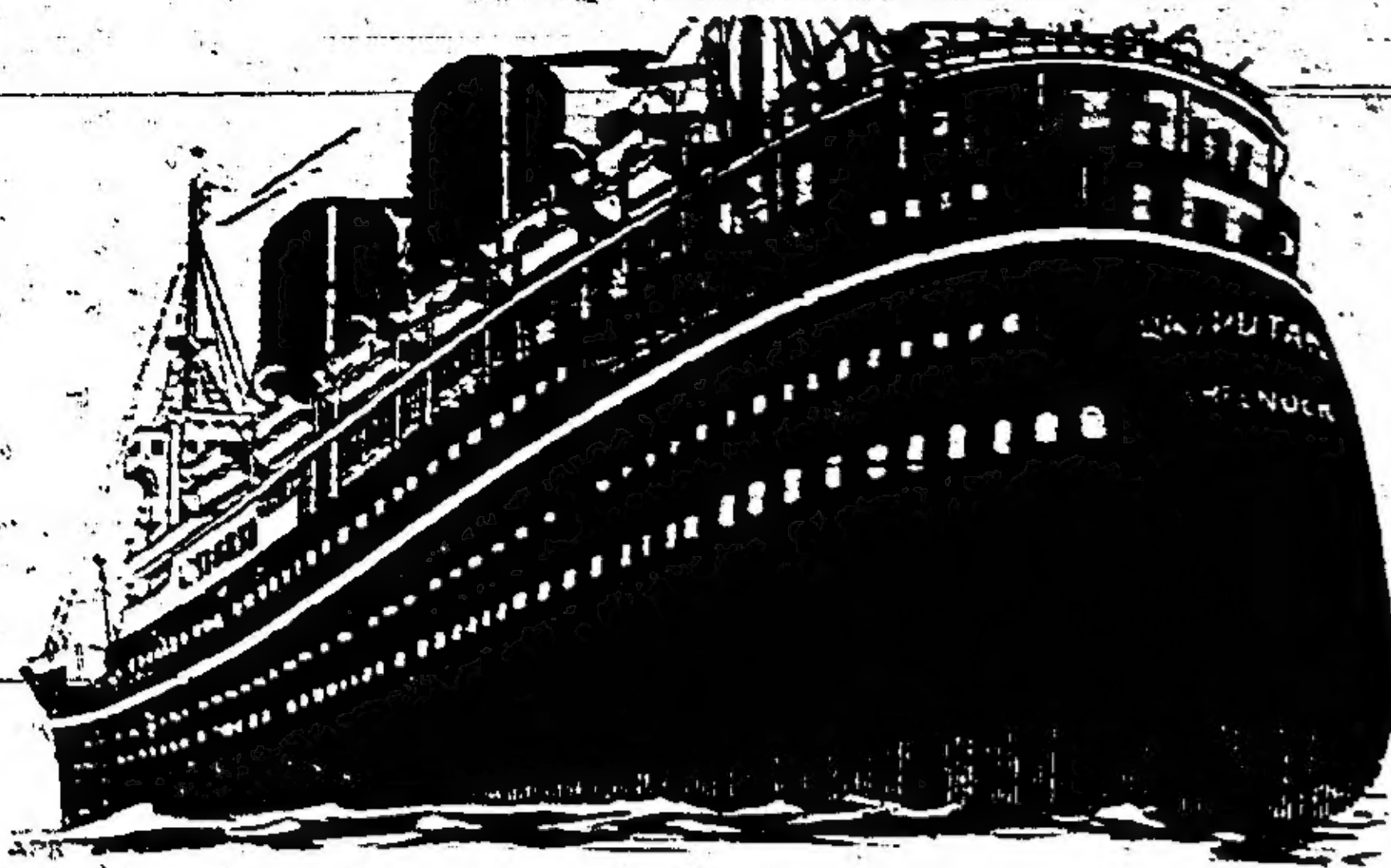
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*SUDAN	7,000	1st Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam Antwerp & Hull
*JEYPORE	5,000	8th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
*CHITRAL	15,000	8th Feb.	Marseilles & London
*CATRAY	15,000	22nd Feb.	Marseilles & London
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*CORFU	14,500	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London
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*RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
*NALDERA	16,000	18th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*BANGALORE	5,000	25th Apr.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*CARTAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
*CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London

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TILAWA	10,000	28th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta
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NANKIN	7,000	3rd Apr.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

SHIRALA	8,000	24th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
CATHAY	15,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
TANDA	7,000	6th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	7th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
*SOMALI	7,000	19th Feb.	Shanghai & Japan
SANTHA	8,000	21st Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
CORFU	14,500	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,000	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan

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The necessity of living her life with as much privacy as Irvin Cobb's goldfish deprives Shirley Temple of the Christmas morning surprises reserved for others of her age. Here is her "Christmas photo" posed weeks in advance.

THE COUNT AND THE WEDDING GUEST

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"Well, Big Mike's a friend of mine. I ain't more than deuced high in the district as far as influence goes, but Mike's as good a friend to a little man, or a poor man, as he is to a big one. I met him to-day on the Bowery, and what do you think he does? Comes up and shakes hands. 'Andy,' says he, 'I've been keeping cases on you. You've been putting in some good licks over on your side of the street, and I'm proud of you. What'll you take to drink?' He takes a cigar, and I take a highball. I told him I was going to get married in two weeks. 'Andy,' says he, 'send me an invitation, so I'll keep in mind of it, and I'll come to the wedding.' That's what Big Mike says to me; and he always does what he says."

"You don't understand it, Maggie, but I'd have one of my hands cut off to have Big Mike Sullivan at our wedding. It would be the proudest day of my life. When he goes to a man's wedding, there's a guy being married that's made for life. Now, that's why I'm maybe looking sore to-night."

"Why don't you invite him, then, if he's so much to the mustard?" said Maggie lightly.

"There's a reason why I can't," said Andy sadly. "There's a reason why he mustn't be there. Don't ask me what it is, for I can't tell you."

"Oh, I don't care," said Maggie. "It's something about politics, of course. But it's no reason why you can't smile at me."

"Maggie," said Andy presently, "do you think as much of me as you did of your—as you did of the Count Mazzini?"

He waited a long time, but Maggie did not reply. And then, suddenly she leaned against his shoulder and began to cry—to cry and shake with sobs, holding his arm tightly, and wetting the crepe de Chine with tears.

"There, there, there!" soothed Andy, putting aside his own trouble. "And what is it, now?" "Andy," sobbed Maggie, "I've lied to you, and you'll never marry me, or love me any more. But I feel that I've got to tell. Andy, there never was so much as the little finger of a Count. I never had a bean in my life. But all the other girls had; and they talked about 'em; and that seemed to make the fellows like 'em more. And, Andy, I look swell in black—you know I do. So I went out to a photograph store and bought

that picture, and had a little one made for my locket, and made up all that story about the Count, and about his being killed so I could wear black. And nobody can love a liar, and you'll shake me. Andy, and I'll die for shame. Oh, there never was anybody I liked but you—and that's all."

But instead of being pushed away, she found Andy's arm folding her closer. She looked up and saw his face cleared and smiling. "Could you—could you forgive me, Andy?"

"Sure," said Andy. "It's all right about that. Back to the cemetery for the Count. You've straightened everything out, Maggie. I was in hopes you would before the wedding-day. Bully girl!"

"Well, not to any large extent," said Andy, reaching for his cigar case; "because it's Big Mike Sullivan's picture you've got in that locket of yours."

(The End.)

POLICE CHANGES

Inspector Dorling's Retirement

Consequent on the retirement on pension of Inspector A. J. W. Dorling, of the Hong Kong Police Force, on January 20, Inspector A. H. Elston has been appointed to Inspector Dorling's post in the Criminal Intelligence Department, Yau-mat, while Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan is appointed to the Murder Squad, Central C. I. D., in place of Inspector Elston. Sub-Inspector M. Flattery has been transferred from Shamshui-po Police Station to Central C. I. D. Lance-Sergeant Simpson has been transferred from Reserve Motor Patrol Section (Mongkok) to Yau-mat for M.P.S. duty, while Acting-Crown Sergeant Penell who has been transferred from Yau-mat to Mongkok Police Station.

STRANDED WHALE

A 20ft. whale was washed ashore at Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, last month and died on the beach.

SHIPBUILDING IN BRITAIN

Encouraging Figures Published

BIG IMPROVEMENT SHOWN

London, To-day.—A big improvement in shipbuilding is shown in Lloyd's returns for the quarter ended December 31. The total of 1,543,153 tons, excluding Russia, from where no figures are available, is the highest for any quarter since June 1931.

Some 48.2 per cent. of it is being built in Britain and Ireland. The British total of 743,086 tons registers an increase of 212,532 tons for the quarter compared with the previous September, and is the highest for five years. It exceeds the aggregate under construction in seven leading countries abroad, among which Germany heads the list with 254,121 followed by Japan with 118,610 tons.

Some 311,100 tons were begun in Britain in the last three months. Steam and motor oil tankers are being constructed to a total of 438,560 tons, Britain again heading the list in number and tonnage. Half the tonnage being constructed in Britain at December 31 related to motorships.

ROTARY MEETING

Interesting Talk By Mr. R. Sidney

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E. honoured local Rotarians with his presence at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday, when Mr. R. Sidney, of Singapore, a prominent Rotarian and the Editor of *Radio*, the Malayan Rotary magazine, addressed the Club at the usual weekly tiffin meeting. Mr. Sidney, whose speech was punctuated with many amusing quips, spoke on aeronautical developments in Hong Kong and Malaya.

President, Professor L. Forster, welcomed as guests Sir John Nicholson (attached to Takook Docks), Messrs. H. Hutcheon (Singapore), E. Geddes, C. W. N. McGowan, P. de Boer and A. Pittendrigh of Hong Kong.

TWO ACTORS IN ONE PART

Lupino Lane, who had lost his voice, appeared in "Twenty to One" at the Coliseum last month without speaking, his lines being spoken by his understudy. Both were on the stage.

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way as to provide adequate defence for each country, but make it unlikely that they could attack any other country with prospects of success, we shall have contributed to the pacification of the world."

Minimum Needs Of Britain

This does not mean that cut-and-dried building programmes are to be asked for. The intention is to invite each Power to declare its minimum requirements in naval tonnage over a period of six years, such tonnage to be distributed in agreed proportions over the various ship categories. The Powers will be asked to make their declarations simultaneously, and the resulting totals will provide a firm basis for discussion.

That the British Government is resolved to restore our naval defences to a standard of adequacy is common knowledge. So far, however, it has not drawn up any definite programme of new construction. Instead, certain minimum requirements in battleship, cruiser, and anti-submarine tonnage have been formulated, and these figures will be put forward as our contribution to the "pool" round which the discussion in regard to quantitative limitation will proceed.

It may be taken as certain that the British Government will not in any circumstances consent to perpetuate the existing disparity between the British Navy and foreign fleets in cruiser, destroyer, and submarine strength.

Opposed Japan's Claims

During the past six years our resources for combating submarine warfare have diminished, relatively, by at least 50 per cent., and there has also been a sharp decline in our relative cruiser strength. The ground thus lost must be recovered either by a drastic reduction in foreign establishments or a substantial increase in British cruiser and anti-submarine tonnage.

According to all evidence, Japan is fully determined to demand complete naval parity with this country and the United States. As the American reaction to this claim is one of uncompromising opposition, the possibility of deadlock at an early stage of the Conference cannot be ignored.

Although the British attitude on this particular problem has yet to be declared, there is every expectation of close Anglo-American accord on this and other fundamental issues. For some time past a much clearer perception of, and sympathy with, British naval needs has been shown at Washington than was previously the case. Recent events in the Mediter-

anean have opened American eyes to the vulnerability of those sea routes which are the veritable arteries of the British Commonwealth.

Instruments For Peace

Each of the English-speaking Powers now regards the other's naval strength as essentially an instrument for the preservation of peace, a common viewpoint which excludes all suspicion or thought of rivalry. That is one of the "imponderables" which is bound to influence the proceedings of the Conference.

The only difference of opinion between London and Washington occurs upon a technical question—the size of future warships. The United States desires battleships of 35,000 tons and cruisers of 10,000 tons, whereas Britain advocates smaller vessels. Whether a compromise can be reached remains to be seen.

Japan will couple her demand for equality with a proposal to abolish battleships and aircraft-carriers, on the ground of their "aggressive" character. Conversely, she will claim a generous quota of submarines, which she holds to be primarily a "defensive" arm. France is credited with a readiness to accept a maximum tonnage appreciably less than that of Great Britain, but is still reluctant to tie her hands in respect of the development of submarines and light surface craft.

Italy's Case

Italy has not yet indicated the case she will put forward, but if precedent is followed she will insist on full equality with France. Both of these Powers prefer limitation by total tonnage to the existing system.

The table below exhibits the present strength of the five "Conference Navies." Except in the case of capital ships, whose life has been artificially prolonged by treaty, only post-war vessels—including those authorised but not yet laid down—are listed. Ships of the previous era are now obsolete, and their inclusion would give a very misleading impression of relative strength.

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Japan	U.S.A.
Capital ships	15	15	9	10	6
Cruisers					
Six guns	15	12	12	7	7
5.5-6 in. guns	20	19	20	44	12
Aircraft-carriers	8	6	8	2	1
Destroyers	81	65	132	39	61
Submarines	40	44	68	80	66
Total Personnel (approx.):					
British Empire	100,000				
U.S.A.		119,900			
Japan			88,500		
France				65,500	
Italy					61,800

Rough Guide

These figures serve only as a rough-and-ready guide to relative strength, for among the vessels listed above there are marked differences in age, tonnage, and armament.

Apart from its international importance, the impending Conference is of peculiar interest to the British taxpayer. Far from early on Monday for gastric trouble, states that he is making quantitative limitation would taining his position. Enquiries made yesterday on behalf of His Majesty the King, who was informed that he was a shade better and that his condition was as satisfactory as could be expected in the circumstances.—British Wireless Service.

KING'S ENQUIRIES REGARDING MR. KIPLING'S CONDITION

London, To-day.—A bulletin issued yesterday afternoon from the Middlesex Hospital, where Mr. Rudyard Kipling was operated, stated that he is making quantitative limitation would taining his position. Enquiries made yesterday on behalf of His Majesty the King, who was informed that he was a shade better and that his condition was as satisfactory as could be expected in the circumstances.—British Wireless Service.

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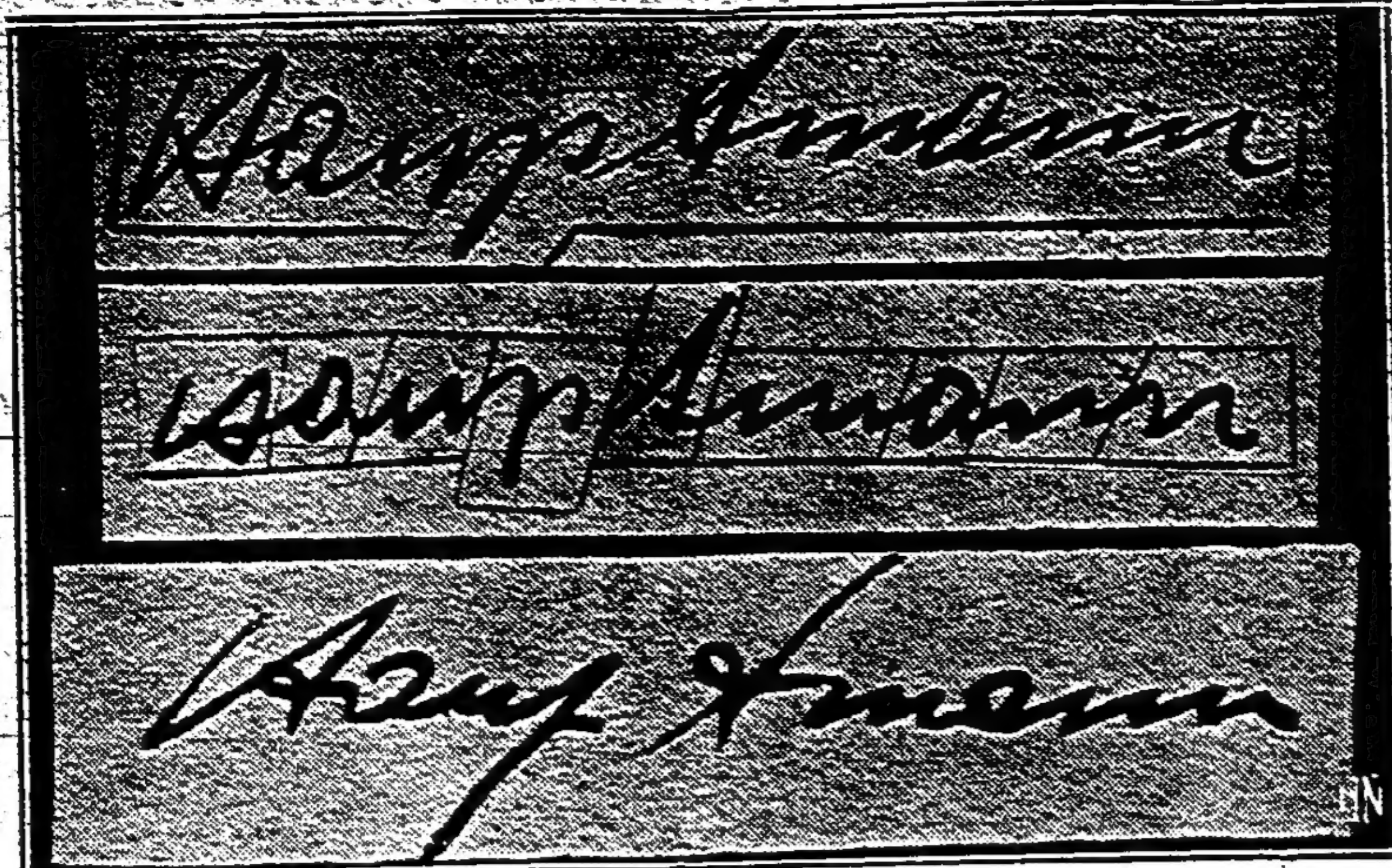
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Newly discovered similarities in the handwriting of the late Leopold Fischer and the penmanship in the Lindbergh ransom notes, were made the basis of a new fight by defence attorneys to save Bruno Hauptmann's life. Shown here for comparison (top to bottom) are Hauptmann's signature, letters from the ransom letters pasted together, and the way Fischer wrote Hauptmann's name.

PUBLIC DEBT OF U.S.A.

Enormous Figure Reached

HARRISON BONDS BILL APPROVED

Washington, To-day. Despite the testimony of Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau that the Government would have raised a minimum of \$11,000,000,000 in the next 17½ months, the Senate Finance Committee, by 15 votes to 2, approved Senator Harrison's Bonds Bill.

Senator Couzens, voting against approval, stated that Mr. Morgenthau had also said that the above-mentioned minimum needed for the remainder in this and the next fiscal years included estimates of \$2,000,000,000 for relief, which did not include President Roosevelt's budget.

Senator Couzens added that Mr. Morgenthau estimated that this would bring the public debt to \$35,500,000,000 by the end of the next fiscal year.—Reuter.

"JEWISH SOUNDING" NAMES BARRED

Fanaticism In Germany

Berlin. The inclusion of even one partner with a "Jewish-sounding name" debar a firm in Germany from the right to incorporate the word "German" in its title.

This was the ruling given here in the Berlin Civil Court, when a concern which had called itself "German Book Export House" since 1900 was ordered to change its name.

The judge said that since the introduction of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws it had been the practice of Jewish firms to bring in one Aryan partner and so try to overcome the laws applying to them.

It was in view of this that he had come to the decision that any firm having a non-Aryan owner was *ipso facto* debarred of the right to call itself "German." In the case of limited companies it was to extend to the case where one partner was a non-Aryan or even had a "Jewish-sounding name." —Reuter.

BRITISH PREPARATIONS IN EGYPT

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ish circles to send all British women and children to Luxor in case of emergency, since Alexandria and Cairo are likely to be subjected to air attacks in the event of a British-Italian war. The Italian prospects for a decisive victory in Abyssinia, however, are considered to be none too bright. Well-informed Egyptian circles have from the very first taken the view that the Italians will not successfully achieve a clear-cut victory, and this view is now generally accepted. Many political observers here are inclined to believe that the military developments in Abyssinia may make Egypt safe from the danger of becoming the scene of another war.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FINANCES OF THE LEAGUE

9,900,000 Francs Surplus Last Year

Geneva, To-day. The League of Nations finances were the best in 1935, with a balance of 9,900,000 Swiss francs from receipts over expenditure. A sum of 1,000,000 will be placed in reserve and the balance will be used to reduce the members' contributions for 1937.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

LONDON NAVAL TALKS

Informal Meetings Continued

London, To-day. An informal meeting between the British and American delegations to the Naval Conference took place at the Foreign Office yesterday morning to discuss the question of procedure at the next meeting of the First Committee of Conference, now fixed for this afternoon. Later the British Delegation was in touch with other delegations.

The meetings of the First Committee have been suspended since the middle of last week owing to the negotiations arising from the desire of the Japanese to bring back into discussion the proposal for a common upper limit, which was considered during the earlier meetings and failed to find favour among the other delegations. The newspapers anticipate that with to-day's meeting the position, which has been somewhat obscure for several days, will be clarified, though it is not known whether the Japanese participation in the future work of the Conference will be modified in character or not, or even interrupted. Yesterday's informal exchange between the various delegations were conducted in an atmosphere of great cordiality.—British Wireless Service.

REMEMBERED GIFT

The Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital has received a lamb, sent from Australia by Mr. Frank Johnson, who, about 1893, had a Christmas hamper from the Treloar Cripples' Children's Fund.



Albert Meyer, a Swiss journalist, is the author of a book on the National Assembly.

STAVISKY TRIAL ENDING

1,956 QUESTIONS FOR THE JURY

SENTENCE ON SATURDAY?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. After proceedings lasting more than two months the trial of 20 men and women accused of having been involved in the gigantic swindles of Alexander Stavisky is slowly drawing to an end, it being anticipated that sentence will be pronounced late on Saturday evening or the beginning of next week.

Six lawyers still have to make their speeches for the defence and the hearing of the case may be terminated to-morrow or Friday, but it will probably take the jury several days to decide the 1,956 questions which will be submitted to them.

One of the many curious facts which have marked this unquiet trial is that one of the judges recently reached the age-limit and had to retire from the case, and was replaced by another judge who had attended the proceedings from the very beginning as a precautionary measure.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

Foreign Woman's Payments

COST OF FREE TICKETS REFUNDED

Nanking, To-day. Under the conviction that her use of free train tickets during the past few years is just like stealing money from the Chinese Government, Miss Rachel Lee, a foreign resident in Nanking, returned recently a sum of \$199.30 to the Ministry of Finance.

In a letter to the Minister, Miss Lee states that during the past few years she has frequently used free tickets in travelling between Nanking, Tientsin and Shanghai, which her relatives and friends had secured for her. At the time she did not think it wrong.

CONVINCED BY CHRISTIANITY. But recently she has been convinced by Christianity that this is just like stealing. She has therefore returned the total amount of money which she should have paid for her trips, and in addition has paid interest at 5 per cent. in accordance with the Bible instruction, making a total of \$199.30.

It is understood that in view of her earnestness, the Ministry of Finance has accepted the money and has written her a reply of thanks. The money will go into the National Treasury.—Central News Agency.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China, and tends to increase in intensity; pressure remains highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and another depression is indicated to the south-east of Naha. North-east winds freshen; fair, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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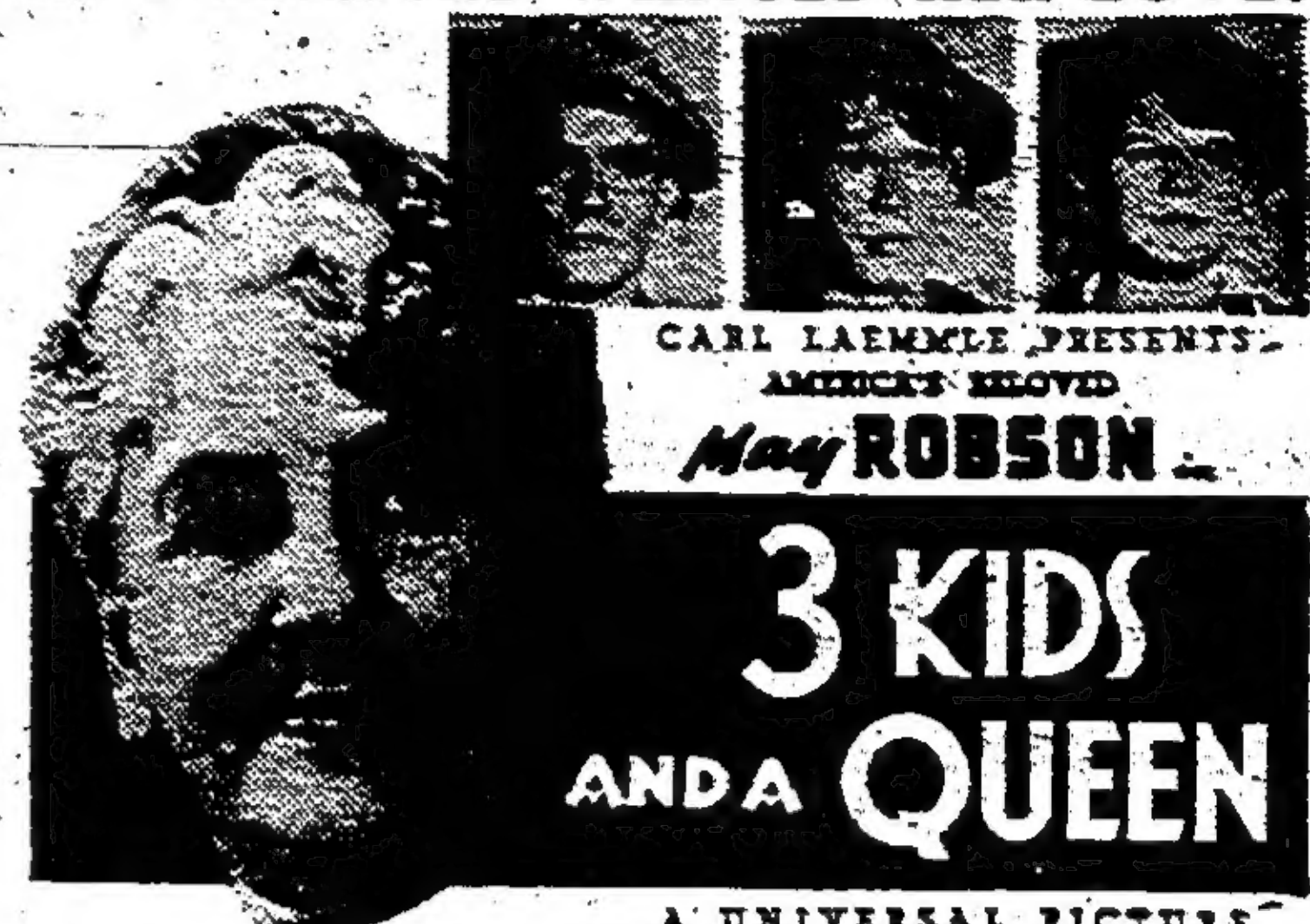
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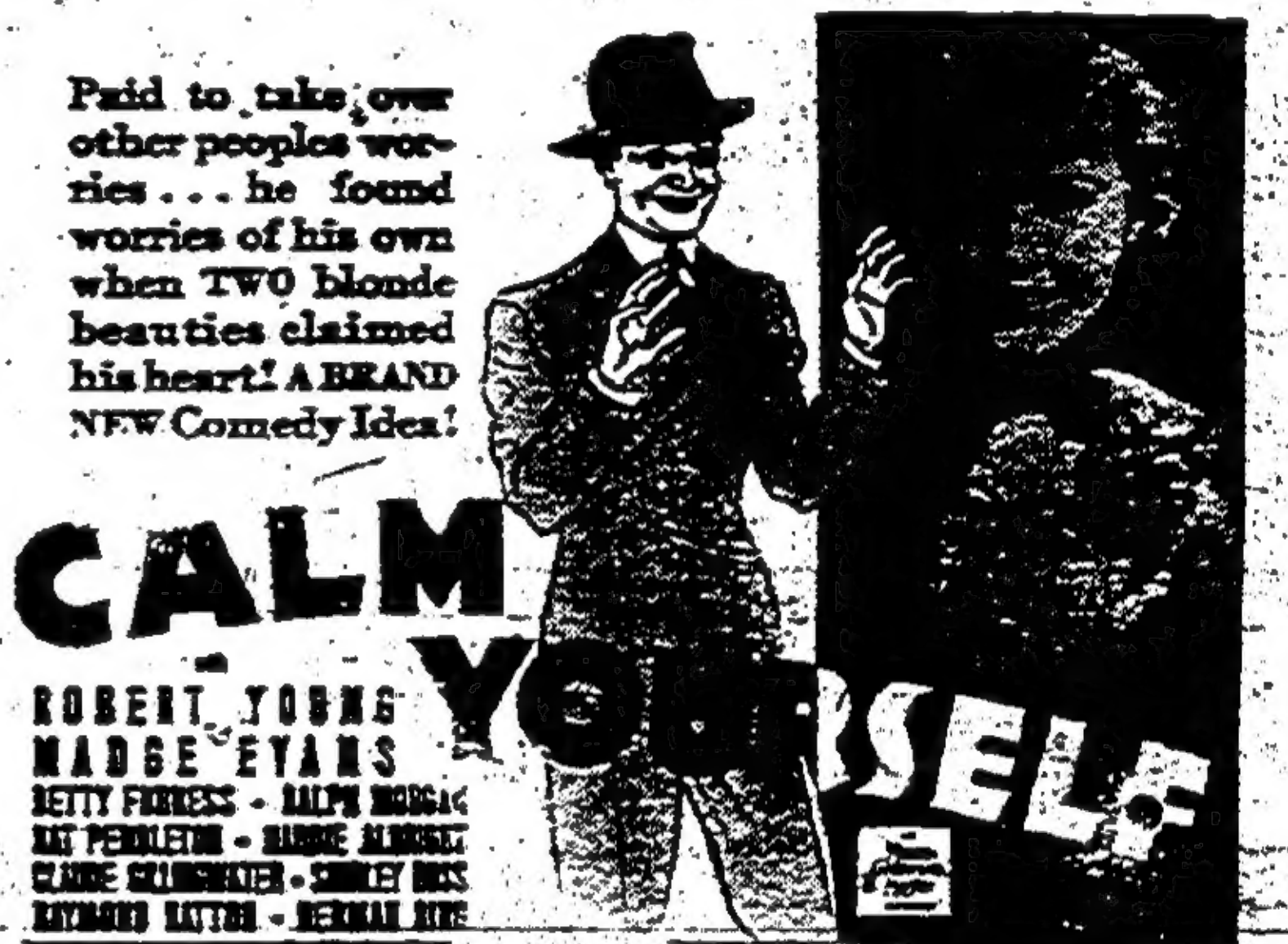
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